

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.084730 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.084730 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.078343 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.081199 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.096225 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No1 from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 exceeds the voter-approval rate for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1. The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year. A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM at 13112 Highway 6, Santa Fe, Texas 77510.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate and does not exceed the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 adopts the proposed tax rate, the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 is not required to hold an election so that voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate and the qualified voters of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 may not petition the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. Your taxes owed under any of the rates mentioned can be calculates as follows:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Commissioner Greg Gardner Commissioner Tommy Gass
Commissioner Kevin O'Brien Commissioner Sharon Free

ABSENT: Commissioner Lance Williams

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.082716	\$0.084730	increase of +0.002014 per \$100, or +2.43%
Average homestead taxable value	\$283,370	\$307,805	increase of +8.62%
Tax on average homestead	\$234.39	\$260.80	increase of +26.41, or +11.27%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,165,596	\$2,383,873	increase of +\$218,277, or +10.08%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the Galveston County Emergency Services District No 1 at (877) 766-2284 or galcotax@galvestoncountytx.gov, or visit www.galcotax.com for more information.