

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.076387 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Galveston County Emergency Services District #2.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.076387 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.073368 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.076387 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm at Crystal Beach Fire Station building, 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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

FOR the proposal: Kate Newberry, President John Lee, Jr., Vice President
 Greg Fountain, Secretary George Strong, Treasurer

ABSENT: Larry Flanagan, Assistant Treasurer

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 Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.082981	\$0.076387	decrease of -0.006594, or -7.95%
Average homestead taxable value	\$186,714	\$203,511	increase of 16,797, or 9.00%
Tax on average homestead	\$154.94	\$155.46	increase of 0.52, or 0.34%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,149,846	\$1,220,761	increase of 70,915, or 6.17%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 at (409) 766-2260 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit www.galcotax.com/property-tax/truth-in-taxation for more information.