

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.66539 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Hearne.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.66539 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.55539 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.67030 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.82083 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Hearne from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Hearne may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Hearne exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for City of Hearne.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Hearne, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Hearne.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Hearne is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 15, 2020 at 5:30pm at Hearne City Hall.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Hearne 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 Hearne City Council of City of Hearne at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Mayor Ruben Gomez	Councilman Emmett Aguirre
Councilman Nelda Trevino	Councilman Margaret Salvaggio
Councilman Ray Edwards	Councilman LaShunda White

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 City of Hearne last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Hearne this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.71039	\$0.66539	<i>decrease of</i> -\$0.04500 OR -6.33%
Average homestead taxable value	\$62,052	\$63,081	<i>increase of</i> 1.65%
Tax on average homestead	\$441	\$420	<i>decrease of</i> -\$21 OR -4.78%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,741,465	\$2,089,540	<i>increase of</i> \$348,075 OR 19.99%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Hearne at 979-828-3337 or michael.brewer@co.robertson.tx.us, or visit www.co.robertson.tx.us for more information.