

NOTICE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR HARRIS COUNTY AND HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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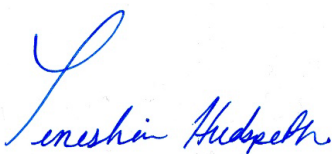
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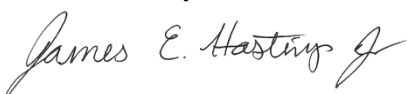
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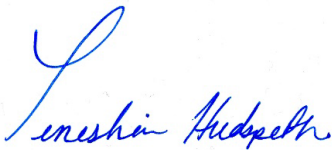
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.38530 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.38530 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.35176 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.38529 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 Harris County 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 Harris County 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 Harris County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 15, 2024 AT 10:00 AM AT 1001 Preston, 1st Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate. If Harris County adopts the proposed tax rate, Harris County is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County will be the voter-approval tax rate. The election will be held on November 5, 2024. You may contact the Harris County Clerk for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM. 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: Judge Lina Hidalgo
Commissioner Adrian Garcia
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Lesley Briones

AGAINST the proposal: Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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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 Harris County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.35007	\$0.38530	increase of 0.03523 per \$100, or 10.06%
Average homestead taxable value	\$218,533	\$228,329	increase of 9,796, or 4.48%
Tax on average homestead	\$765.02	\$879.75	increase of 114.73, or 15.00%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,294,908,072	\$2,539,805,556	increase of 244,897,484, or 10.67%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Harris County Auditor certifies that Harris County has spent \$14,084,936 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Harris County Sheriff has provided Harris County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00053/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Harris County spent \$119,006,623 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$18,174,033. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00078/\$100.

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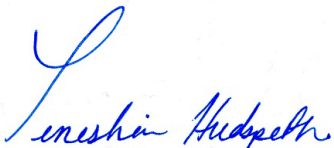
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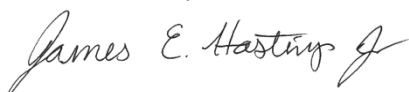
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VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.03316 per \$100

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