

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.16671 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Hospital District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.16671 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.15883 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.17277 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.16021 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 Harris County Hospital District 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 Harris County Hospital District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Hospital District exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Hospital District

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Hospital District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas or may be viewed here: [www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/Government/Court-Agenda/Court-Videos). In order to provide proponents and opponents the opportunity to speak, speakers may participate in person or choose to participate virtually here: [appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov](http://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov).

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Hospital District 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 Harris County Commissioners Court of Harris County Hospital District 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:**

Judge Lina Hidalgo  
 Commissioner Adrian Garcia  
 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle

Commissioner Rodney Ellis  
 Commissioner Steve Radack

**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 Harris County Hospital District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Hospital District this year:**

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.16591	\$0.16671	<i>increase of</i> \$0.00080 OR 0.48%
Average homestead taxable value	\$176,131	\$176,076	<i>decrease of</i> -0.03%
Tax on average homestead	\$292	\$294	<i>increase of</i> \$1 OR 0.45%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$769,318,678	\$826,308,274	<i>increase of</i> \$56,989,596 OR 7.41%

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures**

**The Harris County Hospital District spent 1,240,562,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$594,000. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.00012.**

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Hospital District at 713-274-8000 or [tax.office@hctx.net](mailto:tax.office@hctx.net), or visit [www.hctx.net](http://www.hctx.net) for more information.**