

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Travis County property taxes are used to fund operations such as law enforcement, the jails, the courts and prosecutors, roads, parks, social services, juvenile justice, and emergency medical services.

A tax rate of \$ 0.374359 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the Commissioners Court of County of Travis.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.374359	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.357938	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.387802	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 County of Travis 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 County of Travis 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 County of Travis is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 AT 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners Courtroom on the first floor of 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

This hearing will also be conducted by videoconference/telephonically due to the disaster declaration.

THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW THIS HEARING WHILE IN PROGRESS ONLINE at either of the following:

<http://traviscountytexas.com/Citizens/VideoEmbed.aspx?MediaEncoderName=Encoder8>

<http://traviscountytexas.com/Citizens/VideoEmbed.aspx?MediaEncoderName=Encoder7>

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO GIVE COMMENTS on the proposed tax rate during the hearing by calling (866) 393-8749.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, County of Travis 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 Commissioners Court of the County of Travis at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	FOR the proposal
Commissioner Precinct One Jeffrey W. Travillion, Sr.	FOR the proposal
Commissioner Precinct Two Brigid Shea	FOR the proposal
Commissioner Precinct Three Gerald Daugherty	ABSENT
Commissioner Precinct Four Margaret J. Gómez	FOR the proposal

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

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.369293	\$0.374359	Increase in nominal difference = \$0.005066 Percentage difference= 1.4% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$347,655	\$355,379	2.2% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$1,283.87	\$1,330.39	Increase in nominal difference = \$46.52 Percentage difference= 3.6% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$746,439,581	\$799,699,098	Increase in nominal difference = \$53,259,517 Percentage difference = 7.1% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for County of Travis at (512) 854-9473 or TnT@traviscountytexas.gov, or visit www.traviscountytax.org for more information.