

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.6109 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of DEAF SMITH COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.6109 per \$100
 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.4846 per \$100
 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.6109 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 DEAF SMITH COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that DEAF SMITH 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 DEAF SMITH COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Courtroom, Deaf Smith County Court House 235 E. 3rd Street, Hereford, TX 79045.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, DEAF SMITH COUNTY 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 Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court of DEAF SMITH COUNTY 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Dale Artho, Mike Brumley, Judge D.J. Wagner
 AGAINST the proposal:
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT: Chris Kahlich, Jerry O'Connor

The 86th 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 DEAF SMITH COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by DEAF SMITH COUNTY this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5165	\$0.6109	18% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$97,299	\$104,814	8% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$503	\$640	27% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$8,581,294	\$10,890,189	27% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District at 806-364-0625 or djones@deafsmithcad.org or visit www.deafsmithcad.org. Also, Deaf Smith County at 806-363-7000 or DWagner@deafsmithcounty.texas.gov, or visit www.co.deaf-smith.tx.us/.