

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.536999 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Hughes Springs.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.536999 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.519130 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.538043 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$1.225446 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 Hughes Springs 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 Hughes Springs may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Hughes Springs exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for City of Hughes Springs.

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

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

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Legacy Event Center 122 East First Street Hughes Springs TX 75656.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Hughes Springs 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 City of Hughes Springs 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:**

Lee Newsom	Genneter Ellison
Jeremy Ale-Ebrahim	Joseph Adams

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

Ryan Watkins

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

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.559999	\$0.536999	decrease of -\$0.023000 OR -4.11%
Average homestead taxable value	\$73,790	\$73,666	decrease of -0.16%
Tax on average homestead	\$413	\$396	decrease of -\$18 OR -4.26%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$368,146	\$380,528	increase of \$12,382 OR 3.36%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Hughes Springs at 903-756-5513 or [www.co.cass.tx.us](http://www.co.cass.tx.us), or visit [www.hughesspringstxusa.com](http://www.hughesspringstxusa.com) for more information.