

# Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$ 0.10 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.089714 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.092877 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.112708 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 **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** 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 **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** exceeds the voter-approval rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7**.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7**, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7**.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at Quality Life Ministries, 4647 FM 521, Fresno, Texas 77545.

**Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** may take action on the proposed tax rate on August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., following the hearing to be held.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID 19 MEETING RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE REVIEW THE MEETING NOTICE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE 72 HOURS BEFORE THE HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** may petition the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services**

**District No. 7** to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** will be the voter-approval tax rate of the **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7**.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: **Freddy Lopez, Barb Hamilton, Janet McClain, and Ruston Hughes**  
 AGAINST: **None**  
 PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: **None**  
 ABSENT: **None**

The 86<sup>th</sup> 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 **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** this year.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.100000	\$0.100000	decrease of \$0.00000 OR 0.00%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$189,866	\$199,840	increase of 5.25%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$189.87	\$199.84	increase of \$9.97 OR 5.25%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$1,881,590	\$2,176,592	increase of \$295,003 OR 15.67%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7** at (713) 984-8222 or pierce@coveler.com or visit [www.fresnofiretx.com](http://www.fresnofiretx.com) for more information.