

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.728586 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Newton County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.728586 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.728586 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.805033 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Newton County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Newton County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Newton County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM, Commissioners' Court Courtroom, Newton, TX 75966.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Newton 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 Newton County Commissioner's Court of Newton County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE 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:
Kenneth Weeks, County Judge
Danny Bentsen, Comm. Pct. 1
Phillip White, Comm. Pct. 2
Gary Fomby, Comm. Pct. 3
Wesley "Gene" Thompson,
Comm. Pct. 4

AGAINST the proposal:

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

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.669317	\$0.728586	increase of 0.059269, or 8.86%
Average homestead taxable value	\$70,404	\$76,103	increase of 5,699, or 8.09%
Tax on average homestead	\$471.23	\$554.48	increase of 83.25, or 17.67%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$8,521,985	\$8,603,437	increase of 81,452, or 0.96%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Newton County at (409) 379-4241 or melissa.burks@co.newton.tx.us, or visit www.co.newton.tx.us for more information.