

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$.3958 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of COUNTY OF GONZALES .

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3958 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.3839 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.3958 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.4643 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 GONZALES 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 GONZALES may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for COUNTY OF GONZALES exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for COUNTY OF GONZALES

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that COUNTY OF GONZALES is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Gonzales County Courthouse 414 Saint Joseph St Gonzales Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, COUNTY OF GONZALES 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 COUNTY OF GONZALES 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:

K.O. Dell Whiddon
Kevin T. LaFleur

Donnie R. Brzozowski
Collie Boatright Jr.

AGAINST:

None

PRESENT and not voting:

None

ABSENT:

None

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 GONZALES last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by COUNTY OF GONZALES this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3809	\$0.3958	<i>increase of</i> \$0.0149 OR 3.91%
Average homestead taxable value	\$106,053	\$110,740	<i>increase of</i> 4.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$404	\$438	<i>increase of</i> \$34 OR 8.50%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$13,240,383	\$13,717,741	<i>increase of</i> \$477,358 OR 3.61%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for COUNTY OF GONZALES at 830-672-2841 or tac@co.gonzales.tx.us, or visit www.co.gonzales.tx.us for more information.