

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.085279 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **HARDIN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.085279 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.082102 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.085279 per \$100
DE MINIMIS TAX RATE	\$0.103521 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 18, 2025, AT 6:00 PM AT LUMBERTON FIRE & EMS CENTRAL FIRE STATION, 228 COUNTRY LANE DR, LUMBERTON, TX 77657.

HARDIN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 SHALL TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, AT 6:00 PM FOLLOWING THE HEARING TO BE HELD.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 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 Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

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

FOR the proposal:	Jim Philp	Mike Minton
	Max Turner	Brady Dickerson
	Tommy Evans	

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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 Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.084150	\$0.085279	increase of 0.001129 per \$100, or 1.34%
Average homestead taxable value	\$242,340	\$255,949	increase of 5.62%
Tax on average homestead	\$203.93	\$218.27	increase of 14.34, or 7.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,920,335	\$2,017,612	increase of 97,277, or 5.07%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the Tax Assessor-Collector for Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2 at 409-246-5180, or visit www.co.hardin.tx.us/page/TaxAssessorCollector for more information.