

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$.61473 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.61473 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.59459 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.61487 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 San Jacinto County 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 San Jacinto County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

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

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on: **Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 9:00 am at the San Jacinto County Shelter located at 225 Live Oak, Coldspring, TX 77331.**

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto 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 San Jacinto County of San Jacinto County 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: Judge Fritz Faulkner, Commissioner Pct. 1 Laddie McAnally, Commissioner Pct. 3 David Brandon**

**AGAINST: 0**

**PRESENT and not voting: 0**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Pct. 2 Donny Marrs, Commissioner Pct. 4 Mark Nettuno**

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 San Jacinto County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto County this year:

	2019	2020		
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.63168	\$0.61473	<i>decrease of</i>	-\$0.01695 OR -
Average homestead taxable value	\$113,282	\$120,797	<i>increase of</i>	6.63%
Tax on average homestead	\$716	\$743	<i>increase of</i>	\$27 OR 3.77%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$11,312,010	\$11,914,776	<i>increase of</i>	\$602,766

### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The San Jacinto County spent \$ 390,574 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$377,678 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$12896. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ .00068 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto County at 936-653-3292 or, or visit [www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us](http://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us) for more information.**