

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.1000 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.0791 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.1000 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hays County Fire ESD #8 from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Hays County Fire ESD #8 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 Hays County Fire ESD #8 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/14/2024 07:00 PM (CT) at BUDA FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 209 FM 2770, BUDA, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hays County Fire ESD #8 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 Board of Directors of Hays County Fire ESD #8 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: SCOTT STEVENS, JIM HOLLIS, CAROL GREAVES, PAUL KASKIE

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: JIM WEATHERFORD

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 Hays County Fire ESD #8 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County Fire ESD #8 this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0826	\$0.1000	21.06% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$447,094	\$420,663	5.91% decrease
Tax on average homestead	\$369	\$420	13.9% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$6,655,766	\$8,968,742	34.75% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hays County Fire ESD #8 at (512) 393-5545 or jenifer.okane@co.hays.tx.us, or visit <https://www.hayscountytexas.com/tax-assessor-collector> for more information.