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COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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**Sept. 2, 2020**

**Fort Bend County**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Drainage District**



**Seshadri Kumar**

Publisher

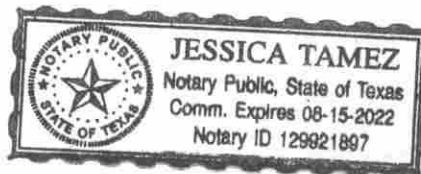
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- (a) Is personally known to me, or
- (b) Provided the following evidence to establish his/ her identity,

On this the <sup>18<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 2020 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Notary Public, State of Texas



**NEWS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.017331 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Fort Bend County Drainage District.

**PROPOSED TAX RATE** \$0.017331 per \$100  
**NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE** \$0.014015 per \$100  
**VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE** \$0.017724 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 Fort Bend County Drainage District 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 Fort Bend County Drainage District 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 Fort Bend County Drainage District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Fort Bend County Courthouse, 401 Jackson St, Richmond TX 77469. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings the hearing will be conducted remotely by videoconference.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Fort Bend County Drainage District 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 Fort Bend County Drainage District 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:  
 property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

**The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:**

**FOR the proposal :** Judge KP George, Commissioner Grady Prestage, and  
 Commissioner Ken DeMerchant

**AGAINST the proposal:** Commissioner Andy Meyers

**PRESENT and not voting:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Vincent Morales

**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.**

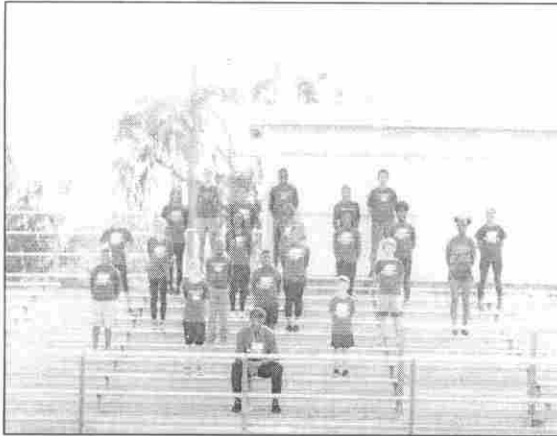
**The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Fort Bend County Drainage District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Fort Bend County Drainage District this year:**

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.015300	\$0.017331	increase of \$0.002031 OR 13.27%
Average homestead taxable value	\$234,678	\$241,696	increase of 2.99%
Tax on average homestead	\$36	\$42	increase of \$6 OR 16.66%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$10,762,704	\$13,055,467	increase of \$2,292,763 OR 21.30%

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Fort Bend County Drainage District at 281-341-3710 or FBCTaxInfo@fortbendcountytexas.gov, or visit [www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxrates](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/taxrates) for more information.**

NEWS

**Walk for Autism: Hope for Three's first annual Walk, Run, Stroll or Roll**



Lace up those sneakers, rally your friends and walk this way! Hope For Three, a local nonprofit and autism organization, is hosting the first-ever Family Walk, Run, Stroll or Roll virtual event. Open to the young, seasoned, uniquely abled, and abled. Ages 3 and under and elders over 80 are free. Ages 4-17, \$15 and 18-79, \$25 registration fee. Walk anywhere, anytime during September 5th - 13th, snap a photo, email and learn the exciting results. Awards and creative contests include Best Team Name, Best T-shirt and much more. Proceeds benefit local children living with autism in the Fort Bend County area. Pictured: The Afterburners Track Club, Junior Olympics Champions and National Record Holders with Coach and former Olympian, Dean Minor stand proud in honor of autism awareness and are ready to lace up and take to the tracks in support of local families. Photo Courtesy of Hope Montgomery

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.435876 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Fort Bend County General Fund.

<b>PROPOSED TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.435876 per \$100</b>
<b>NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.424924 per \$100</b>
<b>VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.442164 per \$100</b>
<b>DE MINIMIS RATE</b>	<b>\$0.430415 per \$100</b>

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The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Fort Bend County General Fund may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Fort Bend County General Fund exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Fort Bend County General Fund.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Fort Bend County General Fund, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Fort Bend County General Fund.

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

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	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.444700	\$0.435876	decrease of -.008824 OR -1.98%
Average homestead taxable value	\$234,878	\$241,696	increase of 2.90%
Tax on average homestead	\$10,344	\$10,583	increase of \$239 OR 0.84%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$315,182,288	\$324,743,606	increase of \$9,561,318 OR 3.03%

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Fort Bend County General Fund spent \$ 6,698,445 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 \$6,248,016 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$450,429. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ 0.000431 /5100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

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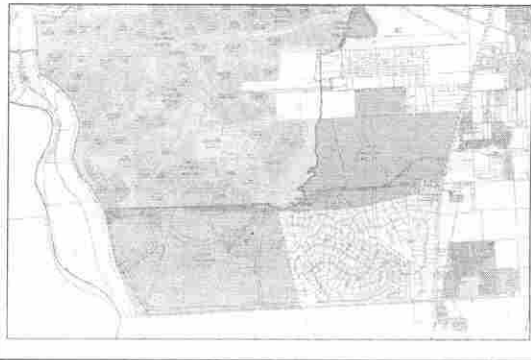
**City of Missouri City NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Location/Date:** The City Council of the City of Missouri City will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2020, in the City Council Chamber—2nd Floor, City Hall Building, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas at 7:00 p.m. Due to the current state of disaster, the hearings may take place by conference call or by another mechanism, as authorized by the Texas governor. Please monitor www.missouricitytx.gov for additional information.

**Purposes:**

(1) To receive comments for and against the annexation for the limited purpose of providing fire protection services in Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, which are generally located north and west of the Sienna Point residential subdivision, south of Steep Bank Trace, east of the Brazos River, and west of Farm to Market Road 521.

(2) To receive testimony or evidence for and against the adoption of an amendment to the strategic partnership agreements between the City of Missouri City and Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, for the purpose of authorizing a limited purpose annexation for the provision of fire protection services. Copies of the proposed amendments to the strategic partnership agreements may be obtained prior to the hearing from the City Secretary's office, City of Missouri City, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, (281) 403-8686. All residents and taxpayers of the City of Missouri City, Texas, Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and other interested persons are hereby invited to attend these and all other meetings of the City Council.



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