

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.426500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Fort Bend County General Fund.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.426500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.406606 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.438938 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Fort Bend County General Fund from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval 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.

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 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 12, 2023 AT 01:00 PM AT Fort Bend County Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor, of the Historic Courthouse, 401 Jackson St. Richmond, TX 77469.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Fort Bend County General Fund 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 Commissioner's Court of Fort Bend County General Fund 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 voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:**

**FOR the proposal:** Judge KP George                      Commissioner Vincent Morales  
                                 Commissioner Grady Prestage              Commissioner Dexter McCoy

**AGAINST the proposal:** Commissioner Andy Meyers

**PRESENT** and not              NONE  
voting:

**ABSENT:**                      NONE

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 Fort Bend County General Fund last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Fort Bend County General Fund this year.

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.438300	\$0.426500	decrease of -0.011800, or -2.69%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$68,555	\$76,517	increase of 7,962, or 11.61%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$300.48	\$326.35	increase of 25.87, or 8.61%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$429,759,231	\$463,556,317	increase of 33,797,086, or 7.86%

**No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments**

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Fort Bend County General Fund spent \$10,072,336 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender’s office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year’s indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$1,009,589. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000431/\$100.

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For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Fort Bend County General Fund at 281-341-3710 or fbcinfo@fbctx.gov, or visit .www.fbctx.gov for more information.