

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.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.090000 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.089723 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.094979 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Salado Fire Station #2, located at 3520 FM 2484, Salado, Texas 76571.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 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 Commissioners of Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Alan Dillon, Donald Hogue, David Matthews, Ashley Voss-Liebig_____

AGAINST the proposal: None_____

PRESENT and not voting: None_____

ABSENT: Don Engleking_____

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 Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 this year.

| | 2021 | 2022 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.09 | \$0.09 | Increase of \$0 per \$100, or 0% |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$340,700.00 | \$300,833.00 | Decrease of 11.7% |
| Tax on average homestead | \$306.63 | \$270.75 | Decrease of \$35.88, or 11.7% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$1,241,834.89 | \$1,315,272.95 | Increase of \$73,438.06, or 5.91% |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the chief appraiser for Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 at 254-939-541 or billy.white@bellcad.org, or visit <https://bellcad.org/> for more information.