

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of .0269 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST .

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0269 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0259 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0269 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.0395 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 GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST 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 GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST .

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST , the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST .

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 27, 2020 at 4:00 PM at the Gonzales County Courthouse 414 Saint Joseph Street Gonzales Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST 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 GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST 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:**

Gilbert Philippus  
Ernest Cobler

Morgan Boothe  
Brian Schauer

**AGAINST:**

None

**PRESENT and not voting:**

None

**ABSENT:**

Donnie Janicek

**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 GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST this year:**

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0259	\$0.0269	<i>increase of</i> \$0.0010 OR 3.86%
Average homestead taxable value	\$106,053	\$110,740	<i>increase of</i> 4.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$27	\$30	<i>increase of</i> \$2 OR 8.44%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$951,517	\$990,859	<i>increase of</i> \$39,342 OR 4.13%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for GONZALES CO ES FIRE DIST at 830-672-2841 or [tac@co.gonzales.tx.us](mailto:tac@co.gonzales.tx.us), or visit [www.co.gonzales.tx.us](http://www.co.gonzales.tx.us) for more information.