

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of **\$0.09852** per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.09852 per \$100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.09462 per \$100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.09852 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 **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** from the same properties in both the **2019** and the **2020** tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** 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 **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** is proposing to increase property taxes for the **2020** tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at ESD Station 4, 1432 N. State Highway 95, Bastrop, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** 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 **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** 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: Thomas Chalmers, Kate Johnston, Michael Baumann, Peter Hicks, George Martinez

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The 86th 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 **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.10000 per \$100	\$0.09852 per \$100	Decrease of \$0.00148 per \$100, or 1.48%
Average homestead taxable value	\$174,106.00	\$182,499.00	Increase of 4.82%
Tax on average homestead	\$174.11	\$179.80	Increase of \$5.69, or 3.27%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,496,797.75	\$1,591,600.07	Increase of \$94,802.32, or 6.33%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for **Bastrop County ESD No. 2** at **512-581-7161** or **taxoffice@co.bastrop.tx.us** or visit **https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.tax_assessor**.