

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.04201 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the Matagorda County Drainage District #1.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.04201 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.04043 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.04201 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.05306 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 the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 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 the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for the Matagorda County Drainage District #1.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the Matagorda County Drainage District #1, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for the Matagorda County Drainage District #1.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 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 08:00 AM at the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 Office, 2604 Nichols Avenue, Bay City, TX 77414.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the Matagorda County Drainage District #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 Directors of the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 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:

Barrett Franz
Mike Pruett

Keith Meyer

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.04169	\$0.04201	<i>increase of</i> \$0.00032 OR 0.77%
Average homestead taxable value	\$103,084	\$105,565	<i>increase of</i> 2.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$42.98	\$44.35	<i>increase of</i> \$1.37 OR 3.19%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,563,959	\$1,683,246	<i>increase of</i> \$119,287 OR 7.63%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the Matagorda County Drainage District #1 at 979-244-7670, or email challmark@co.matagorda.tx.us, or visit www.co.matagorda.tx.us for more information.