NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of $0.481223 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hardin County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.481223 per $100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	$0.481223 per $100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	$0.542499 per $100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hardin County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hardin County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hardin County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2026 AT 9:00 AM AT Hardin County Commissioners Courtroom, 300 W Monroe, Kountze, TX 77625.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hardin County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the 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 Hardin County at their offices or by attending the public meeting 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

FOR the proposal: L.W. "Nubbin" Cooper, Jr., Amanda Young, Wayne McDaniel, Chris Kirkendall, Ernie Koch

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit 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 Hardin County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hardin County this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per	$0.496965	$0.481223	decrease of -0.015742 per
$100 of value)			$100, or -3.17%
Average homestead taxable value	$160,892	$165,913	increase of 3.12%
Tax on average homestead	$799.58	$798.41	decrease of -1.17, or -0.15%
Total tax levy on all properties	$22,602,743	$23,544,267	increase of 941,524, or 4.17%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Hardin County Auditor certifies that Hardin County has spent $311,360 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hardin County Sheriff has provided Hardin County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by $0.001311/$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hardin County at (409) 246-5120 or , or visit hardincountytx.gov for more information.