

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$.2975 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Gregg County.

- PROPOSED TAX RATE \$.2975 per \$100
- NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$.26154 per \$100
- VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$.33078 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Gregg County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Gregg County 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 Gregg County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Gregg County Courthouse, Commissioners’ Courtroom, Third Floor, 101 E. Methvin Street, Longview, Texas, 75601.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval rate. As a result, Gregg County 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 Commissioners’ Court of Gregg County 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: Ronnie McKinney, Commissioner Precinct 1; Bill Stoudt, County Judge; Floyd Wingo, Commissioner Precinct 3; Shannon Brown, Commissioner Precinct 4

Against the proposal: R. Darryl Primo, Commissioner Precinct 2

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 Gregg County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Gregg County this year:

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per\$100 of value)	.2625	.2975	Increase of .0035 per \$100, or 13.3%
Average homestead taxable value	\$126,941	\$131,718	Increase of 3.8%
Tax on average homestead	\$333.22	\$391.86	Increase of \$58.64, or 17.6%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$23,122,754	\$26,325,975	Increase of \$3,203,221, or 13.85%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Gregg County at 903-237-2552 or Kirk.Shields@co.gregg.tx.us or visit www.co.gregg.tx.us for more information.

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Gregg County Auditor certifies that Gregg County has spent \$359,195 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Gregg County Sheriff has provided Gregg County information on these costs, minus the state revenue received for reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by 0 /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The County of Gregg spent \$3,070,611 from July 1 2020 to June 30 2021 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$496,004.

This increase the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$.00595/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The County of Gregg spent \$1,020,636 from July 1 2020 to June 30 2021 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$0.

This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by 0/\$100.