

# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.900847 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Brooks County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.900847 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.910847 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.983219 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Brooks County from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Brooks 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 Brooks County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

**A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 5, 2024 AT 6:00 p.m AT Brooks Co. Courthouse 2nd Floor Courtroom.**

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Brooks 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 Brooks County Commissioner's Court of Brooks 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:**

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

**FOR the proposal:**      Brooks County Judge, Eric Ramos      Comm. Pct. 1 Eduardo "Eddie" Garza  
    Comm. Pct.2 Rolando Gutierrez      Comm. Pct. 3 Horacio Villarreal III  
    Comm. Pct. 4 Martin "Marty" Cabrera

**AGAINST the proposal:**

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.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 Brooks County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Brooks County this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per</b>	\$0.884988	\$0.900847	increase of 0.015859 per

\$100 of value)			\$100, or 1.79%
Average homestead taxable value	\$48,657	\$49,163	increase of 1.04%
Tax on average homestead	\$430.61	\$442.88	increase of 12.27, or 2.85%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,812,888	\$4,747,894	decrease of -64,994, or -1.35%

**No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments**

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Brooks County spent \$55,063 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 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 and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$8,540. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000441/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Brooks County at 361-325-5670 Ext. 2 or [tsilvas@co.brooks.tx.us](mailto:tsilvas@co.brooks.tx.us), or visit [www.co.brooks.tx.us](http://www.co.brooks.tx.us) for more information.

File for Record  
at 12:37 o'clock P. M.  
SEP 1 2024  
Elvaray B. Silvas  
County Clerk, Brooks County, Texas  
By *[Signature]* Deputy