

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality.

A tax rate of \$0.089965 per \$100.00 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of *Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4*.

PROPOSED TAX RATE:	\$0.089965 per \$100.00
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE:	\$0.084801 per \$100.00
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE:	\$0.083108 per \$100.00
DE MINIMIS RATE:	\$0.089965 per \$100.00

The no-new-revenue tax rare is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for *Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4* from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4, the rate that will raise \$500,00.00, and the current debt rate for Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 18th, 2026 at 5:30pm at 111 Green Acres Drive, Wimberley, Texas, 78676.

The proposed tax rate is also greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 may petition the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal: Travis Brown, Justin Transeau, Joe Malone, Manuel Grafia

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Joe Pendleton

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 Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 last year to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4 this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.086960/\$100	\$0.089965/\$100	Increase of \$0.003005 per \$100, or 3.46%
Average homestead Taxable value	\$572,642.76	\$596,402.02	Increase of 4.15%
Tax on average homestead	\$497.97	\$536.55	Increase of \$38.58, or 7.75%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,555,925.96	\$4,836,646.41	Increase of \$280,720.45, or 6.16%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hays County ESD No. 4 at (512) 393-5545 or jennifer.escobar@hayscountytexas.gov or visit <https://tax.co.hays.tx.us/>.