

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on September 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Office, 4749 Twin City Highway, Suite 300, Port Arthur, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR:	Richard Beaumont, Chairman	Billy Joe Butler, Secretary
	Lester Champagne, Vice-Chairman	
AGAINST:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	James Gamble, Sr.	Albert Moses, Jr.

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.311805		0.294990
	Adopted		Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-0.016815	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-5.39%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$116,945		\$124,194
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$23,140		\$25,043
Average residence homestead taxable value			
Tax on average residence homestead	\$93,805		\$99,151
Annual increase/decrease if	\$ 292.49		\$ 292.49
proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-)		\$ 0.00	
and percentage of increase(+/-)		0.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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.