

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.5408 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Hallettsville.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$0.5408 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.4353 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.4854 per \$100 |
| DE MINIMIS RATE         | \$0.7378 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 City of Hallettsville 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 City of Hallettsville may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Hallettsville exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Hallettsville.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Hallettsville, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Hallettsville.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Hallettsville is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL, 101 N MAIN ST, HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964.

The proposed tax rate is 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 City of Hallettsville adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Hallettsville may petition the City of Hallettsville 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 City of Hallettsville will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Hallettsville.

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: Alice Jo Summers, Chastity Carter, Audrey Barrera, Trent Skelton, Peter Murphy, Billy Barrera

**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 City of Hallettsville last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Hallettsville this year.

|                                                | <b>2025</b> | <b>2026</b> | <b>Change</b>                           |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Total tax rate<br/>(per \$100 of value)</b> | \$0.4542    | \$0.5408    | increase of 0.0866 per \$100,<br>or 19% |
| <b>Average homestead<br/>taxable value</b>     | \$153,749   | \$158,700   | increase of 3%                          |
| <b>Tax on average<br/>homestead</b>            | \$698.33    | \$858.25    | increase of 160, or 23%                 |
| <b>Total tax levy on all<br/>properties</b>    | \$828,703   | \$976,719   | increase of 148,016, or 18%             |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Hallettsville at 361-798-3601 or [dsevcik@co.lavaca.tx.us](mailto:dsevcik@co.lavaca.tx.us), or visit [www.co.lavaca.tx.us](http://www.co.lavaca.tx.us) for more information.

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