

# **CITY OF STRATFORD**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE**

### **ON TAX RATE**

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$0.76045 per \$100  |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.76045 per \$100  |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.839211 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 the City of Stratford, Texas 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 the City of Stratford, Texas 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 the City of Stratford, Texas is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A public meeting to vote to introduce the proposed tax rate will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 pm and a public meeting to vote to adopt the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Both meetings will be held at City Hall, at 518 N. Third Street, Stratford, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Stratford, Texas 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 City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas at their offices or by attending the public meetings mentioned above.

|                              | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Position Vacant, Mayor       |     |         |         | X      |
| Joe Zak, Mayor Pro-Tem       | X   |         |         |        |
| Brad Reed, Council Member    | X   |         |         |        |
| Michael Hood, Council Member |     |         |         | X      |
| Misti McBryde Council Member |     |         |         | X      |
| Ray Leron, Council Member    | X   |         |         |        |

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Stratford, Texas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Stratford, Texas this year:

|                                  | 2025          | 2026          | Change                                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Tax Rate (per \$100 value) | \$0.820486    | \$0.76045     | Decrease of \$0.060036 per \$100 or 7.3% |
| Average homestead taxable value  | \$129,000     | \$140,056     | Increase of \$11,056 or 8.6%             |
| Tax on average homestead         | \$1058.43     | \$1,065.06    | Increase of \$6.63 or 0.6%               |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$132,992,910 | \$135,582,009 | Increase of \$2,589,099 or 1.9%          |

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.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact:

Sherman County Appraisal District

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