

# Orange County Emergency Services District #2

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** January 22, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Fire Station 2, located at 9540 FM 105 (next to K-Dan's), Orange, Texas

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2. Establishment of quorum.
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### **Agenda**

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Nominations and election of officers
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding setting uniform monthly meeting dates
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding certification of 2023 current tax roll as prepared by Tax A/C
  - D. Discussion and possible action regarding certification of 2023 delinquent tax roll as prepared by Tax A/C
8. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
9. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** February 12, 2024

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### Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of PPE
8. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
9. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** March 11, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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### **Agenda**

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5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding request from OCESD3 regarding re-negotiation of dispatch contract
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of replacement pump and motor for Brush 10 skid package
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding retaining HdL Companies to complete sales tax estimate report
8. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
9. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** April 9, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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### **Agenda**

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of residence homestead exemptions for tax year 2024
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding delinquent status of OCESD#3 dispatch contract
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding new tanker delivery status
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** May 30, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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### **Agenda**

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Presentation of 2023 Audit from Mitchell T. Fontenote CPA, Inc.
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of Audit
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of TCDRS rate for 2025
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** June 18, 2024

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### **Agenda**

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding HCP billing contract
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing District Administrator to sign all documents necessary to enter into contract with County of Orange, Texas to provide election services for November 2024 general election
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding Acadian Ambulance Service's response times within the District
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** July 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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### Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding changing status of old Tanker 7 to salvage
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding donation of old Tanker 7 to Jasper County ESD #4/Angelina River Vol. Fire Dept.
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding status of air conditioning in dispatch at central station
  - D. Discussion and possible action regarding retaining services of a title company to research metes and bounds of District and authorizing a max price for their services
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** August 13, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of 2024 certified value and corresponding reports from OCAD
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding ordering election for November 5, 2024 general election to fill two expired at large commissioner positions and issuing notice of same
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - SPECIAL SESSION

**Date:** August 19, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Fire Station 2, located at 9540 FM 105 (next to K-Dan's), Orange, Texas

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### **Agenda**

4. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of 2024 tax rates from County Tax A/C
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding tax rate for 2024
    - a. Propose tax rate
      - i. Set date for public hearing; and
      - ii. Set date for meeting to adopt budget and tax rate
5. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING WITH REGULAR SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

**Date:** September 10, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM - Public Hearing; 6:15 PM - Regular Session

**Place:** Fire Station 2, located at 9540 FM 105 (next to K-Dan's), Orange, Texas

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### **Agenda**

#### Public Hearing

4. Public hearing regarding proposed tax rate for 2024 - tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of value was proposed at August 19, 2024 meeting

Regular Session - to begin no sooner than 6:15 p.m. or immediately following public hearing

5. Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of budget for FY 2025
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of proposed tax rate for 2024 - tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of value was proposed at August 19, 2024 meeting
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding issuing order canceling general election for November 5, 2024 (ordered on 8/13/24)
6. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** October 8, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Fire Station 2, located at 9540 FM 105 (next to K-Dan's), Orange, Texas

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### **Agenda**

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of new A/C system for dispatch at central station
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding granting Chief Bodin authority to negotiate and sign an Interlocal Agreement with Hamshire VFD for dispatch services
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding revision to employee SOP section 305
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** November 19, 2024

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4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding fire prevention budget and possible adjustments thereto
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding certification of 2024 current and delinquent tax rolls as prepared by Octavia Guzman, Tax A/C
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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## MEETING NOTICE - REGULAR SESSION

**Date:** December 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Fire Station 2, located at 9540 FM 105 (next to K-Dan's), Orange, Texas

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4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
5. Presentation and Approval of District Administrator's Financial Report and Granting Authorization to Pay the Bills as Presented Therein
6. New Business
  - A. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of professional service contracts (CPA, Auditor, Attorney)
  - B. Discussion and possible action regarding yearly renewal of investment policy/strategies
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding granting District Administrator authority to make line item adjustments to 2024 budget and take other actions necessary to closeout 2024 at year end
  - D. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing "13<sup>th</sup> check" for firefighter pension
7. Communications from Chief, District Administrator, etc.
8. Adjournment

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Orange County Emergency Services District No. 2 ("OCESD2").

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.092992 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.096458 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.116988 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 OCESD2 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 OCESD2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for OCESD2 exceeds the voter-approval rate for OCESD2.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for OCESD2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for OCESD2.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that OCESD2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD on September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station 2, 9540 FM105, Orange Texas.

OCESD2 may take action on the proposed tax rate on September 10, 2024, at 6:15 p.m., following the hearing to be held.

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 OCESD2 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of OCESD2 may petition OCESD2 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 OCESD2 will be the voter-approval tax rate of OCESD2.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR the proposal: Glen Childers and Scott Barnes.

AGAINST the proposal: None.

PRESENT and not voting: Carroll LeBlanc, President.

ABSENT: Wesley Arnold and Christopher Landry.

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 schedule public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th 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 OCESD2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by OCESD2 this year.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.10	\$0.10	no change
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$230721.00	\$246870.00	increase of 6.99936%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$209.41	\$230.72	increase of \$21.31 or 10.1762%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$1929401	\$2101910	increase of \$172509 or 8.94107%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Orange County at 409/882-7971 or [taxpc@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:taxpc@co.orange.tx.us), or visit [co.orange.tx.us/departments/TaxAssessor-Collector](https://co.orange.tx.us/departments/TaxAssessor-Collector) for more information.