

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.09993 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.09993 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.09650 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.09993 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3. may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3. is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 17, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at 436 Skinner Lane, Longview, Texas 75605.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Commissioners of Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal: B.H. Jameson, Sam Satterwhite, Tony Martin, Barbara Berry, Miles Darby

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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 Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3. last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3. this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.10	\$0.09993	Decrease of \$0.00007 per \$100, or 0.07%
Average homestead taxable value	\$229,175	\$236,568	Increase of 3.2%
Tax on average homestead	\$229	\$236	Increase of \$7 or 3%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$817,629	\$855,389	Increase of \$37,760 or 4.6%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Gregg County Emergency Services District No. 3 at 903-237-2552 or Kirk.Shields@co.gregg.tx.us, or visit <https://www.co.gregg.tx.us/tax-assessor-collector> for more information.