

# Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate and Proposed Budget

The City of Rio Hondo will hold two public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and proposed tax rate.

The first public hearing was held on August 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Rio Hondo Civic Center at City Hall.

The second public hearing will occur prior to adoption on September 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm. at Rio Hondo City Hall and a third public hearing and consent will occur on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Rio Hondo Civic Center at City Hall at 6:30 pm located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	<u>\$0.826004</u> per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	<u>\$0.817327</u> per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	<u>\$0.826004</u> 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 City of Rio Hondo from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Rio Hondo may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the 2019 tax rate. This means that City of Rio Hondo is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Rio Hondo Civic Center at City Hall.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Rio Hondo 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 Commission of City of Rio Hondo at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

FOR:  
 AGAINST:  
 PRESENT and not voting:  
 ABSENT:

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 Rio Hondo last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Rio Hondo this year:

	Tax Year 2019	Tax Year 2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.859757	\$0.826004	Decrease of \$0..033753 per \$100, or -0.10%
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$45,000	\$45,000	No Increase
Tax on Average Homestead	\$386.89	\$371.70	Increase of \$32.04, or 6.99%
Total Tax Levy on All Properties	\$465,086	\$480,836	Increase of \$15,750.00

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Rio Hondo at (956) 748-2102, or visit [www.Cameron County /tax-assessor](http://www.CameronCounty.com/tax-assessor) for more information. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their view.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$15,750 which is an increase from last year's budget, and of that amount \$15,750 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.