NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION



HCESD 13 REQUESTS VOTER APPROVAL FOR TAX RATE

Texas Senate Bill 2 (SB2, 2019), relating to providing property tax relief, limits property tax revenue growth to 3.5% per year without an election. In recent years, Harris County Emergency Services District 13 (HCESD 13) has been reducing the property tax rate to stay within the SB2 3.5% limit.

For HCESD 13, rising operation costs, inflation, and COLA have increased greater than the 3.5 % allowed by SB2.

The current tax rate is a \$0.091582/100 valuation. The HCESD 13 Board of Commissioners is asking voters to approve the \$0.091582/100 valuation in the upcoming general election.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.091852 per \$100 valuation in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 13 for the current year, a rate that is \$0.006225 higher per \$100 valuation than the voterapproval tax rate of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 13, for the purpose of increasing fire protection resources. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 13 was \$0.091852 per \$100 valuation.

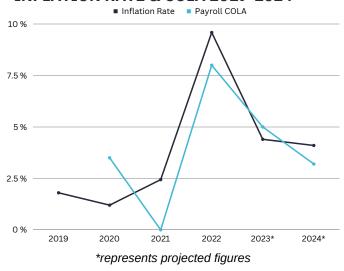
PROPERTY TAX RATE IMPACT ON VOTERS

If voters do not approve the proposed \$0.091582/100 valuation, the rate will fall to \$0.085627/100 in accordance with SB2.

The difference in these rates for the median home value in the HCESD 13 district is \$24 per year.

If passed, the proposed rate of \$0.091582 will provide the district with \$705,532 additional funding over the \$0.085627 rate.

INFLATION RATE & COLA 2019-2024



HCESD13 FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Earning the additional \$705,532 in revenue will help with future capital projects such as:

- The creation of a Logistics Center & Vehicle Maintenance Shop. Estimated Cost: \$6 million *including land acquisition and construction.
- The replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment in accordance with Texas State Law and Texas Commission on Fire Protection (NFPA) requirements. Estimated cost: \$1 million.
- The replacement of three 2014-year model fire engines.

HCESD 13 plans to replace these 10-year old apparatuses. Upon completion of the replacement cycle, the department will move one 2014-year model engine into reserve status in place of the 2006-year model Engine 26 that currently serves as a reserve apparatus.

For reference, Engine 25, which was purchased in 2020, cost the department \$877,000. The cost to replace that apparatus in 2023 would be \$1.3 million



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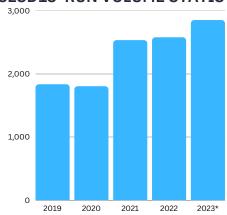


WHO IS HARRIS COUNTY ESD NO. 13?

Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13 (HCESD 13), a political division of the State of Texas.

Cypress Creek Fire Department (CCFD) provides fire suppression & rescue first response services within a 25 square mile district and to the greater FM 1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

HCESD13 RUN VOLUME STATISTICS



*represents projected figures



Google Maps. (n.d.). [HCESD13 boundary line overlay]. Retrieved September 19, 2023, from https://www.cypresscreekfire.com/district-map

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