

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 14**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.082932 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.087671 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.117480 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 Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 12:00 PM AT 2301 EAST WALLISVILLE ROAD, HIGHLANDS, TEXAS 77562.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 14 SHALL TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE ON AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 12:00 PM 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 undersection 26.075 of the Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 may petition Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 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 Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 will be the Voter-Approval Rate.

**YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE 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 increase as follows:

FOR the proposal:	JR Strouhal	Jerry Ickes
	Johnny Gaeke	Elaine Marshall
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	Mark Taylor	

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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.085000	\$0.100000	increase of 0.015000 per \$100, or 17.65%
Average homestead taxable value	\$194,766	\$203,751	increase of 4.61%
Tax on average homestead	\$165.55	\$203.75	increase of \$38.20, or 23.07%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,322,334	\$1,582,713	increase of \$260,381, or 19.69%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14 at 713-274-8000 or visit www.hctax.net for more information.