## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.096641 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200.

\$0.096641 per \$100
\$0.081175 per \$100
\$0.096308 per \$100
\$0.096641 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 Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 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 Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 5:30 PM AT 540 ELLEN POWELL, PRAIRIE VIEW, TX 77446.

WALLER-HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200 SHALL TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE ON AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 5:30 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 and does not exceed the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 adopts the proposed tax rate, the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 is not required to hold an election so that voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate and the qualified voters of the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 may not petition the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax 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: Ann Saunders

Melinda Hashaw Sherry Whiteley Tommy Davis

**AGAINST** the proposal: **None** 

PRESENT and not voting: Brenda Bundick

ABSENT: None

Visit 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 Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.086301	\$0.096641	Increase of 0.010340 per \$100, or 11.98%
Average homestead taxable value	\$332,828	\$341,016	Increase of 8,188, or 2.46%
Tax on average homestead	\$287.23	\$329.56	Increase of 42.33, or 14.74%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$12,342,174	\$16,043,068	Increase of 3,700,894, or 29.99%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact Coveler & Peeler, District Counsel for Waller-Harris Emergency Services District No. 200 at 713-984-8222 or <a href="mailto:adkins@coveler.com">adkins@coveler.com</a>, or visit <a href="www.whesd200.org">www.whesd200.org</a> for more information.