

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR WALLER COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.662225 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Waller County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Waller County proposes to use revenue attributed to the tax revenue increase for the purpose of:

A \$1.2 Million increase in the Road & Bridge Budget adding the following: \$705,000 in construction equipment; \$500,000 increase in road materials; \$150,000 for bridge replacements; and \$100,000 for professional services.

Additional Budget increase is as follows: \$477,686 (including benefits) for eight (8) new county employees, which include Waller County Sheriff Office - new patrol deputy and investigator; Road and Bridge Department – two dump truck drivers; County Treasurer - one Deputy Treasurer ; District Attorney Office – investigator; Environmental - Designated Representative for Septic Inspections; and Extension Office – one Assistant

The 2019 Budget also includes an increase of \$289,000 for 21 new lease vehicles for Waller County Sheriff Office, Road and Bridge Department, 2 constables, District Attorney, Environmental Department, and Animal Control to replace aging fleet/vehicles; \$466,000 for a three (3) percent merit pay increase for county employees; .

Other Increases are: Computer software/hardware updates from IT Department; Budget increase from Appraisal District; additional employee to assist Director at the Waller County Economic Development Partnership; Property insurance increase due to new buildings; and new office and operation expenses with new Justice Center.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.662225 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$0.686856 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE | \$0.620720 per \$100 |
| ROLLBACK TAX RATE | \$0.662225 per \$100 |

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Waller County from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Waller County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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

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

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 4, 2019 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.

Second Hearing: September 11, 2019 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.