

NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR WALLER COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.686856 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 \$1.27 Million increase in the Road & Bridge Budget adding the following: \$235,000 two new dump trucks; \$500,000 increase in road materials; \$90,000 increase in bridge materials; and \$425,000 for bridge replacements.

The remainder of the Budget increase is as follows: \$511,895 for eight (8) new county employees, which include Waller County Sheriff Office - new patrol deputy and jail investigator; Road and Bridge Department - general foreman and sign/stripping crewmember; County Clerk - partial year for new clerk at Pct. 4 annex; Fire Investigator/Inspector for Fire Marshal Office; New entry level clerk at Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace; and District Attorney Office - Community Service Supervisor.

The 2019 Budget also includes an increase of \$166,000 for new lease vehicles for Waller County Sheriff Office, Road and Bridge Department, 2 constables, Maintenance Department and Fire Marshall to replace aging fleet/vehicles; \$ 353,000 for a three (3) percent merit pay increase for county employees; and \$52,000 increase to add a misdemeanor indigent contract defense attorney.

A \$2.76 million increase in the Debt Service Budget is due to the voter approved \$39.5 million bond issue for the Waller County Law Enforcement Center that includes a new county jail facility, Sheriff's office and other law enforcement facilities and courtroom.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.686856 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.617330 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.583858 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.692562 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 2017 tax year and the 2018 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 5, 2018 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.

Second Hearing: September 12, 2018 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.