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# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.709575 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Newton County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.709575 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.709575 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.784910 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Newton County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Newton County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Newton County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 26, 2023, AT a Regular Commissioners' Court, 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 3rd Floor of the Newton County Courthouse, 110 E. Court St., Newton, TX 75966.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Newton County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Newton County Commissioners' Court of Newton County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

## 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

### FOR the proposal:

Ronnie Cochran, County Judge  
Danny Bentsen, Comm Pct. 1  
Phillip White, Comm Pct. 2  
Gary Fomby, Comm Pct. 3  
Leonard E. Powell, Comm Pct. 4

### AGAINST the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

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 Newton County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Newton County this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.719914	\$0.709575	decrease of -0.010339, or -1.44%
Average homestead taxable value	\$83,373	\$90,190	increase of 6,817, or 8.18%
Tax on average homestead	\$600.21	\$639.97	increase of 39.76, or 6.62%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$9,804,405	\$9,855,588	increase of 51,183, or 0.52%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Newton County at (409) 379-5691 or [newtoncountyjudge.tx.us](mailto:newtoncountyjudge.tx.us) or visit [www.co.newton.tx.us](http://www.co.newton.tx.us) for more information.