

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ADOPTING 2024 TAX RATE**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**OF NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, the 2024 tax rate for Newton County, Texas came to be considered, and the Court further finding that at least four members of the Commissioners' Court are now present, as required by law.

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court did consider the following:

**ORDER ADOPTING A TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS** Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Tax Code 26.05 provides that the Newton County Commissioners Court shall adopt the tax rates for the current year; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to levy ad valorem taxes on each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in Newton County, Texas for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2024, in order to meet 2024 budget requirements of the County, and to pay the expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the services and improvements provided by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Commissioners Court has complied with all the requirements set forth in the Tax Code, NOW

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that the Newton County Commissioners Court, by the record vote set out herein below, hereby adopts the following ad valorem tax rates:

Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate is hereby set at \$.700926 per \$100 of valuation.

2024 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate is hereby set at \$.700926 per \$100 of valuation.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE  
AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Newton County Commissioners Court levy taxes in accordance with the foregoing tax rates and the provisions of the law and direct the Newton County Tax Assessor/Collector to the Assessment and Collection thereof.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that if for any reason, the action of the Newton County Commissioners Court setting tax rates or levying taxes should be held ineffective by a court of competent jurisdiction, that this Order shall serve as evidence of the good faith of Newton County in attempting to comply with the law in as substantial fashion as could be done under the circumstance, and as evidence that Newton County would have lawfully adopted a tax rate but for the conditions completely beyond control of Newton County.

**ORDERED** and **APPROVED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Court Members Voting:

 **yes**  
Ronald J. Cochran, Newton County Judge

 **yes**  
Danny Bentsen, Commissioner Pct. #1

 **yes**  
Phillip A. White, Commissioner Pct. #2

 **Absent**  
Gary Fomby, Commissioner Pct. #3

 **NO → Against**  
Leanord E. Powell, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

  
Sandra K. Duckworth, County & Ex-Officio  
Clerk of the Commissioner's Court  
Newton County, Texas