NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of $0.735000 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Newton County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.735000 per $100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	$0.681604 per $100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	$0.749226 per $100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Newton County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 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 greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Newton County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M AT Commissioner's Court Room, 3rd Floor of the Newton County Courthouse, 110 Court St, Newton, Tx 75966.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Newton County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax 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 hearing 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	Prentiss Hopson, Comm. Pct. 3
	Leanord E. Powell, Jr., Comm. Pct. 4	

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per $100 of value)	$0.696645	$0.735000	increase of 0.038355 per $100, or 5.51%
Average homestead taxable value	$110,454	$111,271	increase of 0.74%
Tax on average homestead	$769.47	$817.84	increase of 48.37, or 6.29%
Total tax levy on all properties	$10,295,565	$11,009,404	increase of 713,839, or 6.93%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Newton County at (409) 379-4241 or , or visit www.co.newton.tx.us for more information.