

# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.441738 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Morris County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.441738 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.441738 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.513534 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Morris County from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Morris 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 Morris County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 31, 2022 AT 9:30 AM AT Morris County Commissioners Courtroom 500 Broadnax Daingerfield TX 75638.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Morris 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 Commissioner's Court of Morris 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:

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

**FOR the proposal:** Doug Reeder Greg Frazier  
Michael Clair Todd Freeman

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** Kerry McCoy

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

	2021	2022	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.469502	\$0.441738	decrease of -0.027764, or -5.91%

<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$101,176	\$107,287	increase of 6,111, or 6.04%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$475.02	\$473.93	decrease of -1.09, or -0.23%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$3,876,415	\$3,897,477	increase of 21,062, or 0.54%

**No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments**

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Morris County spent \$144,268 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$13,800. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000745/\$100.

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For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the chief appraiser for Morris County at 903.645.5601 or [sgolden@morriscad.com](mailto:sgolden@morriscad.com), or visit [www.morriscad.com](http://www.morriscad.com) for more information.