## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.287622 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hood County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.287622 per \$100 \$0.287622 per \$100 \$0.372554 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 Hood 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 Hood 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 Hood 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 August 22, 2023 AT 9:00 AM AT Commissioner Court 1200 W Pearl St Granbury, Texas 76048.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hood 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 Hood County of Hood 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:	Ron Massingill Kevin Andrews	Jack Wilson
AGAINST the proposal:	Nannette Samuelson	David Eagle

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

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.331129		decrease of -0.043507, or -13.14%

Average homestead taxable value	\$304,327	\$330,687	increase of 26,360, or 8.66%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,007.71		decrease of -56.58, or -5.61%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$24,982,336	\$25,932,769	increase of 950,433, or 3.80%

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

## **State Criminal Justice Mandate**

The Hood County County Auditor certifies that Hood County County has spent \$4,556,736 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hood County County Sheriff has provided Hood County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.004233/\$100.

## **Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The Hood County spent \$622,132 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 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 \$68,179. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000320/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hood County at 817-579-3210 or BKidd@co.hood.tx.us, or visit https://co.hood.tx.us for more information.