

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of .1000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.1000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0948 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0987 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.1056 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM at Montgomery Fire Station # 51, 20590 Eva Street, Montgomery, TX 77356. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID 19 MEETING RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE REVIEW THE MEETING NOTICE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE 72 HOURS BEFORE THE HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate, but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 may petition the Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

James Sibley
Lonnie Clover

Kim Parrish
Burt Green

AGAINST:

NONE

PRESENT and not voting:

NONE

ABSENT:

Mike Mason

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 Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.1000	\$0.1000	<i>decrease of</i> \$0.0000 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$312,600	\$325,557	<i>increase of</i> 4.14%
Tax on average homestead	\$313	\$326	<i>increase of</i> \$13 OR 4.14%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,590,768	\$4,898,098	<i>increase of</i> \$307,330 OR 6.69%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Montgomery County Emergency Service District No. 2 at 936-539-7897 or tammy.mcrae@mctx.org, or visit www.mctotx.org for more information.