

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.482502 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of El Paso County, Texas.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.482502 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.470181 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.482502 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for El Paso County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that El Paso 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 El Paso County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 23, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Commissioners Court Chambers, El Paso County Courthouse 500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901. The public may attend in person or view the meeting livestream at:

<https://www.epcounty.com/video/> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2RxYOS6Y6VkdDlp5eM0OLA>

To participate in public comment, please call: 888-835-7276 or 888-8EL PASO

The proposed tax rate is the same as the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, El Paso 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 Commissioners Court of El Paso County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) / 100

FOR the proposal: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge, Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct.1, David Stout, Commissioner, Pct.2, Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AGAINST the proposal: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner Pct. 3

The 86th 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 El Paso County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by El Paso County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 Value)	\$0.488997	\$0.482502	\$(0.006495) or -1.33%
Average homestead taxable value	\$131,768.00	\$141,670.00	Increase of 7.5%
Tax on average homestead	\$644.34	\$683.56	Increase of \$39.22 or 6.1%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$223,733,533	\$229,563,816	Increase of \$5,830,283 or 2.6%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for El Paso County at 915-771-2300, or [ctaxassessor@epcounty.com](mailto:ctaxassessor@epcounty.com), or visit <http://www.epcounty.com/taxoffice/>.

## No-New Revenue Tax Rate Adjustments

### State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The El Paso County Auditor certifies that El Paso County has spent \$1,448,844 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The El Paso County Sheriff has provided the Tax Assessor Collector information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by \$0 /\$100.

### Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The County of El Paso spent \$ 9,432,670 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$0.

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by \$0 /\$100.

### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

El Paso County spent \$ 10,282,395 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, 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, less the amount of any state grants received.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$0.

This increased the no-new revenue tax rate by \$0 /\$100.