

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.69000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Ward County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.69000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.64072 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.75860 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Ward County from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Ward 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 Ward County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 26, 2024 AT 09:30 AT The Ward County Courthouse, 400 S. Allen, Monahans, TX.

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

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

FOR the proposal:

Greg M. Holly
Larry Hanna
Eddie Nelms

Tino Sanchez
Dexter Nichols

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per	\$0.62000	\$0.69000	increase of 0.07000 per

\$100 of value)			\$100, or 11.29%
Average homestead taxable value	\$61,031	\$61,918	increase of 1.45%
Tax on average homestead	\$378.39	\$427.23	increase of 48.84, or 12.91%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$46,204,067	\$50,636,621	increase of 4,432,554, or 9.59%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Ward County Auditor certifies that Ward County has spent \$2,788 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Ward County Sheriff has provided Ward 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 \$0.00001/\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Ward County spent \$440,029 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$142,032. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00197/\$100.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures

The Ward County spent \$10,250,000 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$6,750,000. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00388/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Ward County at 432-943-2546 or vicki.heflin@co.ward.tx.us, or visit www.co.ward.tx.us for more information.