

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

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	\$0.80291 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.83333 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Ward County from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 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 not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Ward County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2025 AT 9:30AM AT The Ward County Courthouse, 400 S. Allen, Monahans, TX.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Ward 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 Ward 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: Greg M. Holly
Larry Hanna
Eddie Nelms

Guy Thames
Billy Redmon

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.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per	\$0.69000	\$0.69000	increase of 0.00000 per

\$100 of value)			\$100, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$61,918	\$65,081	increase of 5.11%
Tax on average homestead	\$427.23	\$449.06	increase of 21.83, or 5.11%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$55,682,309	\$48,524,807	decrease of -7,157,502, or -12.85%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Ward County Auditor certifies that Ward County has spent \$9,757 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 \$0.00010/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Ward County spent \$250,562 from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 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 \$99,756. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00010/\$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 co.ward.tx.us for more information.