

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$.59726 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Archer County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.59726 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.58753 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.60133 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 Archer County 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 Archer County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Archer County exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Archer County

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Archer County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at 97th District/County Courtroom Archer County Courthouse 100 South Center Archer City TX .

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Archer 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 Archer County of Archer County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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:

Pat Martin III	Richard Shelley
Randall Jackson	Darryl Lightfoot

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Darin Wolf

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 Archer County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Archer County this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.60680	\$0.59726	<i>decrease of</i> \$0.00954 OR 1.57%
Average homestead taxable value	\$115,149	\$117,243	<i>increase of</i> 1.81%
Tax on average homestead	\$699	\$700	<i>increase of</i> \$1 OR 0.21%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$3,970,150	\$4,142,181	<i>increase of</i> \$172,031 OR 4.33%

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Archer County County Auditor certifies that Archer County County has spent \$21,990 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Archer County County Sheriff has provided Archer County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by \$.00216/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Archer County spent \$ 79,418 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$35,723 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$43695. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$.00026 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Archer County at (940) 574-4224 or dawn.vieth@co.archer.tx.us, or visit www.co.archer.tx.us for more information.