

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.54058 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Bridge City, Texas.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.54058 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$0.55350 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.53630 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.54059 per \$100 |

The no-new revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of tax revenue for the City of Bridge City, Texas from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Bridge City 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 the City of Bridge City is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year. The proposed rate is a -2.33% decrease from the current tax rate, therefore, if your homestead value remained the same, the City of Bridge City taxes will be lower.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 6:00 PM, AT THE BRIDGE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 105 PARKSIDE PLACE, BRIDGE CITY, TX 77611 AND VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "Social Distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). You are urged to attend and express your views.

THE PUBLIC DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEPHONE MEETING IS:

TOLL FREE: 866-899-4679

ACCESS CODE: 534-529-237# (NO AUDIO PIN NEEDED)

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Bridge City 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 members of the City Council of the City of Bridge City through the City Secretary at 409-735-6801 or by attending the public hearing 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 for the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR the proposal:

Carl Harbert, Council Member Place 1
Mike Reed, Council Member Place 2
Tammi Fissette, Council Member Place 3
David Rutledge, Mayor

Danny Harrington, Council Member Place 4
Terri Gauthier, Council Member Place 5
Lucy Fields, Mayor Pro-Tem

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 the City of Bridge City, Texas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Bridge City, Texas this year:

| | 2019 | 2020 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Total Tax Rate (Per \$100 of value) | 0.55350 | 0.54058 | <i>Decrease of</i> -\$0.01292 or -2.33% |
| Average homestead taxable value | 110,838 | 115,847 | <i>Increase of</i> 4.51% |
| Tax on average homestead | 613.49 | 626.25 | <i>Increase of</i> \$12.76 or 2.07% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$2,040,160 | \$2,066,000 | <i>Increase of</i> \$25,840 or 1.26% |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Bridge City, Texas at 409-882-7989 or kfisher@co.orange.tx.us, or visit <http://www.co.orange.tx.us/TaxOffice> for more information.