

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of **\$ 0.47000 per \$100 valuation** has been proposed by the governing body of the **City of West Orange, Texas**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.47000 per \$100 value
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.43962 per \$100 value
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.47697 per \$100 value

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 the City of West Orange, Texas 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 the City of West Orange, Texas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the No-New-Revenue tax rate. This means that the City of West Orange, Texas is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 AT 5:15 P.M.** IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER INSIDE WEST ORANGE CITY HALL

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the Voter-Approval tax rate. As a result, the City of West Orange, Texas 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 City Council of the City of West Orange, Texas 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Mayor Roy McDonald; Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Bonnin; Council Member Dale Dardeau; Council Member Randy Branch

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Council Member Michael Shugart, Sr.; Council Member Brent Dearing

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 West Orange, Texas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of West Orange, Texas this year.

	2019	2020	CHANGE	
Total Tax Rate <i>(per \$100 value)</i>	\$ 0.47000	\$ 0.47000	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$ 53,426	\$ 53,404	- 0.041%	
Tax on Average Homestead	\$ 251.10	\$ 251.00	- \$ 0.10	- 0.04%
Total Tax Levy on all Properties	\$ 581,342	\$ 624,546	+ \$43,204	+ 7.43%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of West Orange, Texas at (409)882-7971 or kfisher@co.orange.tx.us or visit <https://www.co.orange.tx.us>.