

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.78546 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of COUNTY OF KLEBERG.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.78546 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.76546 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.80143 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.94119 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 COUNTY OF KLEBERG 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 COUNTY OF KLEBERG may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for COUNTY OF KLEBERG exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for COUNTY OF KLEBERG

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for COUNTY OF KLEBERG, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for COUNTY OF KLEBERG

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

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 08, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Courthouse Annex Law Enforcement Center 1500 E. King Kingsville TX .

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, COUNTY OF KLEBERG 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 Commissioners' Court of COUNTY OF KLEBERG 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:**

County Judge Rudy Madrid  
Comm. Pct #3 Roy Cantu

Comm. Pct #2 Chuck Schultz  
Comm. Pct #4 Marcus Salinas

**AGAINST:**

Comm. Pct #1 David Rosse

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

**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 COUNTY OF KLEBERG last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by COUNTY OF KLEBERG this year:**

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.76950	\$0.78546	<i>increase of</i> \$0.01596 OR 2.07%
Average homestead taxable value	\$96,762	\$102,118	<i>increase of</i> 5.53%
Tax on average homestead	\$745	\$802	<i>increase of</i> \$58 OR 7.72%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$11,225,800	\$11,584,516	<i>increase of</i> \$358,716 OR 3.20%

**Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

The COUNTY OF KLEBERG spent \$ 310,419 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 \$288,262 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$22,157. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$ 0.00098 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for COUNTY OF KLEBERG at 361-595-8542 or mtdelagarza@co.kleberg.tx.us, or visit [www.co.kleberg.tx.us](http://www.co.kleberg.tx.us) for more information.**