

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code 26.06(b-2).

## **KENEDY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 BUDGET AND 2020 TAX RATE INCREASE**

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE will be held on September 14, 2020, at 9:00 AM at the Kenedy County Courthouse District Courtroom in Sarita, Texas 78385.

A budget for the year 2021 has been proposed in the amount of \$5,212,064.

A tax rate of \$0.750000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Kenedy County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE:	\$0.750000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE:	\$0.734216 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE:	\$0.793115 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 Kenedy County 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 Kenedy County 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 Kenedy County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Kenedy 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 Kenedy county Court of Kenedy County 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:**

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal:	Joe Recio, Israel Vela, Jr., Sarita A. Hixon, Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

The 86<sup>th</sup> 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 Kenedy County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Kenedy County this year.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.719904	\$0.750000	4% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$52,280	\$51,612	3% decrease
Tax on average homestead	\$384	\$387	1% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$5,095,508	\$5,212,064	2% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Kenedy County at 361-294-5205 or [taxoffice@co.kenedy.tx.us](mailto:taxoffice@co.kenedy.tx.us), or visit [www.co.kenedy.tx.us](http://www.co.kenedy.tx.us)