NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of $0.49572 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Austin County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.49572 per $100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	$0.46879 per $100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	$0.49652 per $100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Austin County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Austin 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 Austin County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 14, 2026 AT 9:00AM & 6:00 PM at Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville TX 77418.

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

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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

FOR the proposal:	Greg Mikel LeRoy Cerny	Bobby Rinn Chip Reed
AGAINST the proposal:		
PRESENT and not voting:	Tim Lapham	
ABSENT:		

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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 Austin County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Austin County this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per $100 of value)	$0.50377	$0.49572	decrease of -0.00805 per $100, or -1.60%
Average homestead taxable value	$269,450	$281,456	increase of 4.46%
Tax on average homestead	$1,357.41	$1,395.23	increase of 37.82, or 2.79%
Total tax levy on all properties	$29,475,717	$31,847,275	increase of 2,371,558, or 8.05%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Austin County spent $520,408 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is $82,480. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by $0.00133/$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Austin County at 979-865-9124 or tswonke@austincad.org, or visit https://www.austincounty.com/ for more information.