

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.7750 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Mercedes.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.7750 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.7090 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.8286 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Mercedes from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Mercedes 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 City of Mercedes is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 400 S. OHIO MERCEDES TEXAS.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Mercedes 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 of Mercedes of City of Mercedes 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Mayor Montoya Commissioner Martinez
Commissioner Howell

AGAINST the proposal: Commissioner Benavidez Commissioner Gomez

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

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 City of Mercedes last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Mercedes this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.7450	\$0.7750	increase of \$0.0300, or 4.03%

Average homestead taxable value	\$75,246	\$83,927	increase of \$8,681, or 11.54%
Tax on average homestead	\$560.58	\$650.43	increase of \$89.85, or 16.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,799,875	\$5,236,943	increase of \$437,068, or 9.11%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Mercedes at 956-318-2157 or propertytax@hidalgocountytax.org, or visit www.hidalgocountytax.org for more information.