

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.458889 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of El Paso County, Texas.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.458889 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.401692 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.458889 per \$100

The No-New-Revenue Tax Rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for El Paso County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The Voter-Approval rate is the highest tax rate that El Paso 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 El Paso County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Alicia Chacon Courtroom, El Paso County Courthouse 500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901. The public may attend in person or view the meeting livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@elpasocountycommissionerscourt>

To participate in public comment, please call: 888-835-7276 or 888-8EL-PASO

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the Voter-Approval Tax Rate. As a result, El Paso 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 El Paso 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

FOR the proposal: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge, David Stout, Commissioner, Pct.2, Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AGAINST the proposal: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner Pct. 3

ABSENT: Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct.1

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.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 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 El Paso County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average homestead by El Paso County this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 Value)	\$0.426289	\$0.458889	\$0.03 or 7.647394%
Average homestead taxable value	\$166,861	\$182,259	Increase of \$15,398 or 9.22804%
Tax on average homestead	\$711.31	\$836.37	Increase of 125.06 or 17.581139%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$235,966,577	\$276,074,541	Increase of \$40,107,964 or 16.997307%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for El Paso County at 915-771-2300, or ctaxassessor@epcounty.com, or visit <http://www.epcounty.com/taxoffice/>.

No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The El Paso County Auditor certifies that El Paso County has spent \$904,764 (minus any amount received from the state revenue for such costs) in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The El Paso County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate by \$0.000154 /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

El Paso County spent \$14,800,054 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$2,807,597.

This increased the No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate by \$0.004779 /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

El Paso County spent \$13,696,568 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund operations of a Public Defender's Office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent compensation expenditures is \$2,086079.

This increased the No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate by \$0.000988 /\$100.