

# Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the County of El Paso property tax rate was \$ .432259. That rate raised \$ 91,351,118, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as :

<b>Public Safety</b> (Sheriff's Department, Constables, Juvenile Probation)	\$ 63,769,219
<b>Administration of Justice</b> (District, County, and Justice Courts, District and County Attorneys, Public Defender, Court Administration)	\$ 30,644,570
<b>General Government</b> ( County Judge and Commissioners, County and District Clerks, Domestic Relations, Facilities Management, Purchasing, Information Technology, County Tax Assessor-Collector, County Auditor)	\$ 27,794,655
<b>Debt Service</b> (General and Certificates of Obligation)	\$ 16,029,652
<b>All Other Operations</b> ( Health and Welfare, Resource Development, Culture and Recreation, Capital Outlays)	\$ 10,472,077
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 148,710,173</u>

This year, the County of El Paso is proposing a property tax rate of \$.432259. That rate would raise \$97,449,232, which is \$6,098,114 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 12, 2005 5:30PM at County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom Third Floor Room 303. The second hearing will be held on September 15, 2005 5:30PM at County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom Third Floor Room 303.

## **Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):**

The El Paso County Auditor certifies that El Paso County has spent \$ 1,375,192 in the previous 12 months beginning September 1, 2004, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. El Paso County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.