

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).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.571000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF CELESTE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.571000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.550360 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.571455 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 CELESTE 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 CELESTE 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 CELESTE 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 6:30 PM at Celeste City Hall; 201 North US Highway 69, Celeste, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF CELESTE 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 Celeste City Council of CITY OF CELESTE 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:

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

(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: Felicia White, Jordan Brooks, Jason Minter, & Chris White
- AGAINST the proposal: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: Tyler LaFavers

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 CITY OF CELESTE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF CELESTE this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.576962	\$0.571000	1% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$80,313	\$89,786	11% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$463	\$512	10% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$163,534	\$175,740	7% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF CELESTE at 903-408-4000 or hctax@hctax.info, or visit www.hctax.info.