

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR WALLER COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.617330 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Waller County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Waller County proposes to use revenue attributed to the tax revenue increase for the purpose of a \$321,530 increase in Road & Bridge budget (adding 1 new employee for culvert inspections, \$70,000.00 for new sign truck, \$200,000 for new equipment and ditch maintenance); a \$399,088 increase for Waller County Sheriff's Office budget for three (3) new employees (1 jailer with EMT training in addition to a staff jailer, and one patrol deputy), \$100,000 for three (3) new patrol cars, \$50,000 for commercial enforcement equipment, \$30,000 for overtime, and \$10,000 for vehicle maintenance; \$32,000 for one patrol car for Precinct 2 Constable; \$37,000 for one patrol car and equipment for Precinct 3 Constable; one (1) new administrative employee for Fire Marshal's office; one (1) new assistant district attorney position for District Attorney's office to assist with code enforcement; \$67,001 for increased expenses at Appraisal District approved by WCAD Board of Directors; \$180,200 increase in court expenses for the 506th Judicial District Court for increases in state required ad litem appointments, capital defense costs, and indigent defense costs; and \$574,232 for an eleven percent (11%) increase in healthcare insurance costs.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.617330 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.633760 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.587933 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.633671 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Waller County from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Waller County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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

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

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 6, 2017 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.

Second Hearing: September 13, 2017 at 9:00 A.M at WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445.