

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.6295 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Willis.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.6295 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.4981 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.6295 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.7515 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Willis from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Willis may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Willis exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for City of Willis.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Willis, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Willis.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Willis is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 09, 2020 at 5:30 PM at via teleconference at Council Chambers at Willis City Hall 200 N Bell Street Willis TX 77378.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Willis 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 Council of City of Willis at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

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| Teresa Herod- Councilwoman | Barney Stone- Councilman |
| Tom Luster- Councilman | William Brown- Councilman |
| Thomas Belinoski Mayor Pro Tem | |

AGAINST:

NONE

PRESENT and not voting:

Leonard Reed- Mayor

ABSENT:

NONE

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

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5869	\$0.6295	<i>increase of</i> \$0.0426 OR 7.26%
Average homestead taxable value	\$71,688	\$78,981	<i>increase of</i> 10.17%
Tax on average homestead	\$420.74	\$497.19	<i>increase of</i> \$76.45 OR 18.17%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,969,224	\$2,268,936	<i>increase of</i> \$299,712 OR 15.22%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Willis at 936-539-7897 or tammy.mcrae@mctx.org, or visit www.mctotx.org for more information

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Governor of Texas has issued an Executive Order with guidelines for the temporary suspension of certain portions of the Texas Open Meetings Act in order to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people during the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

As a result, persons wishing to monitor the meeting of the Willis City Council may do so via teleconference.

Instructions on accessing the meeting are as follows:

1. Use the following link: <https://cityofwillis-gnc.my.webex.com/cityofwillis-gnc.my/j.php?MTID=m6e90fa9e41a80205ae5fad3e55aec2b6> You can also navigate your web browser on your smart device to webex.com, click Join in the upper right area of the webpage, enter code **1269812222**. Meeting password is **Bx7pEakpT34**.
2. Follow the instructions at the bottom to “Join from your browser”, enter your name, email address, and click next. At the bottom use the “Call Me” option and enter your phone number and click “Join Meeting”. Follow the instructions on the phone, if it asks for an attendee number just press #.
3. You are now in the meeting, to leave close your browser or click the red X on the bottom and choose “Leave Meeting”

NOTICE OF MEETING
FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF WILLIS, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the governing body of the above name city will be held on the 9th of September, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall at 200 N. Bell Street, Willis, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

1. Call to order the special meeting.
2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.
3. CITIZENS INQUIRY
 - a. Public Comments
4. PUBLIC HEARING
 - a. Public hearing on tax increase proposed by the governing body of City of Willis.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discuss and take action on setting a public hearing for the FY 2020-2021 Budget on September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. Discuss and take action on the selection of an administrator and engineering firm for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) from the General Land Office (GLO).
6. REPORTS
Input from Council related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas; related to issues such as (but not limited to) municipal projects, personnel, public property, development, and other city/public business.
7. ADJOURN

Dated this the 4th day of September 2020

Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of meeting of the governing body of the above named City Council is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at the City Hall of said City in Willis, Texas a place convenient and readily accessible to the General public at all times, and said Notice was posted on September 4th, at 3:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 4th day of September 2020

Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Willis reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations) 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices); and 551.087 (Economic Development).

It is the policy of the City of Willis to afford disabled persons maximum access to all public meetings. The City of Willis will make reasonable accommodations to address the needs of persons with vision or hearing impairments or other disabilities, including the provision of readers or sign language interpreters when requested reasonably in advance.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: As a result of the current COVID-19 virus epidemic emergency, the convening at one location of 10 or more people makes it impossible to have more than the members of City Council, City Department Personnel and members in the audience. Therefore, the City Council will conduct this meeting in the City Council Chambers at Willis City Hall and be available to the Public via telephone conference call pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.125 and guidance of the Governor of the State of Texas. Members of the public are entitled to participate and address the Council during Public Comments during the telephonic meeting. In all respects, this meeting, will be open to the public and compliant with applicable law and guidance of the Governor of the State of Texas. An electronic copy of the agenda can be found at: <https://tx-willis2.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>