

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies taxing units other than special taxing units or to a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

A tax rate of **\$0.0295316** per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **PALO PINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1.**

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0295316 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0268910 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0283012 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE TAX RATE	\$0.0344481 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. The means that Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2026 AT 5:45PM AT 221 S. 5 TH AVE., PALO PINTO,TEXAS 76484.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate and does not exceed the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 adopts the proposed tax rate, Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 is not required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate and the qualified voters of the Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 may not petition the Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate.

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: Brad Potter, Rodney Hall, Casey McGlaun, Bridgett Worley

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Mike Carter, Secretary

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 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 Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0284565	\$0.0295316	Increase of \$0.0010751 per \$100 or 3.78%
Average homestead taxable value	\$307,778.00	\$328,506.00	Increase of 6.73%

Tax on average homestead	\$87.58	\$87.01	Increase of \$9.43 or 10.77%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,898,092.59	\$2,079,502.12	Increase of \$181,409.54 or 9.56%.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Palo Pinto County ESD No. 1 at (940) 659-1271 or margaret.griffith@co.palo-pinto.tx.us or visit <https://www.co.palo-pinto.tx.us/page/County.Assessor.Collector>.