

*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

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

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.337806 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.306187 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.337806 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 Deaf Smith County Hospital District 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 Deaf Smith County Hospital District 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 Deaf Smith County Hospital District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/24/2026 05:30 PM (CT) at HRMC Board Room, 540 W 15th St, Hereford, TX

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Deaf Smith County Hospital District 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 Board of Directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District 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: Kevin Bunch, Robert de la Cruz, Carla Purcella, Tim Laws, Troyce Sturgess

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Tanner Black, Chris Woodard

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 Deaf Smith County Hospital District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Deaf Smith County Hospital District this year.

|                                            | 2025        | 2026        | Change          |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b> | \$0.314132  | \$0.337806  | 7.53% increase  |
| <b>Average homestead taxable value</b>     | \$167,414   | \$173,230   | 3.47% increase  |
| <b>Tax on average homestead</b>            | \$525       | \$585       | 11.42% increase |
| <b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>    | \$7,901,542 | \$8,343,151 | 5.58% increase  |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Deaf Smith County Hospital District at (806) 364-0625 or [mpowers@deafsmithcad.org](mailto:mpowers@deafsmithcad.org), or visit [www.deafsmithcad.org](http://www.deafsmithcad.org) for more information.