

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 15.17 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Tax Code, Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

The second public hearing will be held on August 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Dr. John Freeman, Mr. Maxwell Barr, Mrs. Marie Ethridge, Mr. Murray Murphy, Mr. Michael Flores

AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: Dr. Charles Warren and Mr. Adrian Calvio

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District last year was \$51,244. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.176620 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$90.51.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District this year is \$55,717. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.218472 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$121.73.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.251623 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$140.20.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.