NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.058175 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.058175 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.056030 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.058175 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 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 the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 20, 2023 AT 12:00 PM AT Crystal Beach Fire Station, 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, TX 77650.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 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 Commissioners of the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Kate Newberry, President John Lee, President

Greg Fountain, Secretary George Strong, Treasurer

ABSENT: Larry Flanagan, Assistant Treasurer

Visit 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 Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 this year.

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	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.068264	\$0.058175	decrease of -0.010089, or -14.78%
Average homestead taxable value	\$228,946	\$259,080	increase of +\$30,134, or +13.16%
Tax on average homestead	\$156.29	\$150.72	decrease of -\$5.57, or -3.56%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,332,971	\$1,452,890	increase of +\$119,919, or +9.00%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2 at 1-877-766-2284 or galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us, or visit www.galcotax.com for more information.