

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.85000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Dickens County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.85000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.90250 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$1.03261 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Dickens County from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Dickens County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Dickens County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 9, 2024 AT 8:45 AM AT Dickens County Annex 508 Crow Dickens Tx 79229.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Dickens County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Dickens County Commission's Court of Dickens County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal:

Kevin Brendle
Charlie Morris
Dennis Wyatt

Greg Arnold
Mike Smith

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 Dickens County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Dickens County this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per	\$0.76382	\$0.85000	increase of 0.08618 per

\$100 of value)			\$100, or 11.28%
Average homestead taxable value	\$35,916	\$59,225	increase of 64.90%
Tax on average homestead	\$274.33	\$503.41	increase of 229.08, or 83.51%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$3,609,410	\$3,436,606	decrease of -172,804, or -4.79%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Dickens County County Auditor certifies that Dickens County County has spent \$16,757 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Dickens County County Sheriff has provided Dickens County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00029/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Dickens County spent \$10,715 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$6,447. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00005/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Dickens County at 806-623-5216 or dickent@co.dickens.tx.us, or visit www.co.dickens.tx.us.com for more information.