

Notice of Public Hearing on City of Ferris FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

The City Council of the City of Ferris, Texas (the "City") annually adopts a budget under the provisions of Chapter 101 of the Texas Local Government Code (the "Act").

Pursuant to the Act, the City will conduct a public hearing at the City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The City's Proposed Budget includes expenditures from each fund as follows:

| Funds | 2021-2022 Budget Appropriations |
|------------------|--|
| General Fund | \$ 5,749,825 |
| Debt Service | \$ 859,630 |
| Water/Wastewater | \$ 1,948,583 |
| Court Technology | \$ 15,000 |
| Court Security | \$ 24,500 |
| Capital Projects | \$ 8,069,577 |
| 4A EDC | \$ 549,400 |
| 4B EDC | \$ 451,400 |
| Total | \$ 17,667,915 |

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$495,398, WHICH IS A 28.68 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$26,247.

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

A tax rate of \$0.847300 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF FERRIS.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.847300 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.618063 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.847462 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF FERRIS from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF FERRIS 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 CITY OF FERRIS is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Council Chambers 215 W. Sixth St. Ferris, TX 75125.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF FERRIS 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 City Council of CITY OF FERRIS 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: Tommy Scott, Clayton Hunter, Jay Walsh, Norman Heckatorm,
Norris Elverton

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not
voting:
ABSENT:

The 86th 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 CITY OF FERRIS last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF FERRIS this year.

| | 2020 | 2021 | Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.608600 | \$0.847300 | 39.22% increase |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$139,289 | \$143,318 | 2.89% increase |
| Tax on average homestead | \$848 | \$1,214 | 43.16% increase |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$1,268,873 | \$1,766,235 | 39.19% increase |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF FERRIS at 972-825-5150 or richard.rozier@co.ellis.tx.us, or visit www.co.ellis.tx.us.