

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.5589 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of The City of Longview.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$ 0.5589 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$ 0.5516 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$ 0.5753 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for The City of Longview from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that The City of Longview 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 City of Longview is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON

August 13 at 5:30PM at 300 W. Cotton, Longview Texas

However, due to concerns about the potential spread of Covid-19 and only if allowed by law at the time of the public hearing, the public hearing may be conducted by videoconferencing tool instead of or in addition to being conducted at the above physical location.

If a videoconferencing tool is used in conducting the public hearing, instructions and direct links to attend the videoconference meeting or speak during the public hearing can be found at LongviewTexas.gov/Tele. To speak at the public hearing, speakers should plan to arrive early to give themselves time to register to the videoconference tool. After registering, a speaker will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The virtual conference meeting room will open at 5:15 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

For assistance or questions related to participating in the public hearing or related to how the public hearing will be conducted, persons should contact the City Secretary's Office at 903-237-1080.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, The City of Longview 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 the City of Longview 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:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (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: District 1 Council Member- Ed Moore, District 2 Council Member Nona Snoddy,
District 3 Council Member- Wray Wade, District 4 Council Member- Kristen Ishihara,
District 5 Council Member- David Wright, District 6 Council Member- Steve Pirtle
Mayor- Andy Mack

AGAINST the proposal: 0

PRESENT and not voting: 0

ABSENT: 0

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 The City of Longview last year

to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by The City of Longview this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.5589	.5589	0% (Increase/ Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100, or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year)%
Average homestead taxable value	\$156,666 2019 average taxable value of residence homestead	\$160,653 2020 average taxable value of residence homestead	2.55% (Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year)%
Tax on average homestead	\$875.61 2019 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead	\$897.89 2020 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead	2.55% (Increase/ Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year)%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$6,072,810,995 2019 levy	\$6,207,808,599 2020	2.22% (Increase/ Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and

		(proposed rate) X (current total value)/100	proposed levy for current year)%
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For assistance with tax calculations detailed information about tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Longview at:

Kirk Shields, CPA - RTA

Gregg County tax assessor-collector

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