

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.36601 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of DeWitt County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.36601 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.33026 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.41082 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 DeWitt 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 DeWitt County 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 DeWitt County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 26, 2024 AT 9:00 AM AT the DeWitt County Courthouse, 1st Floor Courtroom, 307 N. Gonzales St, Cuero, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, DeWitt County 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 Commissioner's Court of DeWitt County 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Daryl Fowler
James Pilchick, Sr
Brian Carson
Ryan Varela
James Kaiser

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

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per	\$0.36601	\$0.36601	increase of 0.00000 per

\$100 of value)			\$100, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$136,966	\$166,274	increase of 21.40%
Tax on average homestead	\$501.31	\$608.58	increase of 107.27, or 21.40%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$31,816,320	\$35,346,317	increase of 3,529,997, or 11.09%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The DeWitt County Auditor certifies that DeWitt County has spent \$130,803 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. DeWitt County Sheriff has provided DeWitt 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 \$0.00079/\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The DeWitt County spent \$114,976 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$5,551. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00005/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The DeWitt County spent \$311,802 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 \$39,220. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00014/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for DeWitt County at 361-275-0879 or Ashley.D.Mraz@dwcotx.org, or visit <https://www.co.dewitt.tx.us/page/dewitt.sb2worksheets> for more information.