

# NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.515000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.515708 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.528398 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 League City from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that League City 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 League City is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 8, 2020, at 6:00 PM at Council Chambers, 200 West Walker, League City, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, League City 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 City Council of League City at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your property / \$100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR:	Mayor Pat Hallisey	Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey
	Andy Mann	Hank Dugie
	Larry Millican	Greg Gripon
	Chad Tressler	Nick Long

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 League City last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by League City this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.548581	\$0.515000	Decrease of \$0.033581 or -6.21%
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$213,583	\$223,054	Increase of 4.43%
Tax on Average Homestead	\$1,172	\$1,149	Decrease of \$23 or -1.95%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$42,726,607	\$39,777,352	Decrease of \$2,949,255 or -6.9%

\* 2019 Estimated tax levy is \$47.85 million which includes tax on properties with tax freeze ceilings and TIRZ properties

\* 2020 Estimated tax levy is \$48.78 million which includes \$4.7 million on properties with tax freeze ceilings and \$4.3 million from TIRZ properties.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for League City (409) 766-2260 or [galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us](mailto:galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us) or visit [www.galcotax.com](http://www.galcotax.com) for more information.

The association has been advocating nationally for a \$10 billion Save Our Stages package that would put money in the hands of local venues that have been forced to close because of COVID-19.

"We've never had to ask for money before," Schaefer said. "This is the type of situation where if we don't, we'll go under."

Venues have already been closing and that leaves a gap in communities, she said.

"Even if you don't like to go for music, your town is benefiting from the foot traffic we pull in for the restaurants and hotels and

problems before the pandemic," said Lauren Eddy, vocalist and guitarist with local band El Lago. The band recently participated in a benefit week meant to help regional venues, including the Old Quarter.

"It has fallen back on the alcohol sales," Eddy said.

She'd like to see more public funding for independent music, she said.

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If things get bad enough, it could mean giving up the lease on the building, but Mora doesn't want to do that, he said.

"This is an important room for songwriters,"

the focus of the Old Quarter, Eddy said.

People who go there care about music and pay attention, Anthony said.

"People are actually watching you," Anthony said. "They're maybe 2, 3 feet away from the stage. You've really got to get your showmanship going."

The music the Old Quarter showcases is important to save, Mora said.

"This is a really important venue," Mora said. "It is."

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