

Notice About 2023 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in Ward County.
 This notice concerns the 2023 property tax rates for Ward County. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.59883/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.62928/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit www.co.ward.tx.us for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
General Operating Fund	44,964,717
Special Revenue Fund	1,160,458
Hospital Operating Fund	6,563,492

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2023 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2023				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2023				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
FMLR Fund	6,286,712

Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Current Year Debt Service The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2023 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from unencumbered funds				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2023				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2023				\$
= Total debt levy				\$0

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Ward County spent \$297,997 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 on enhanced indigent health care 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 \$12,514. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.00016/\$100.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures

The Ward County spent \$3,500,000 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital. In the preceding year, the Ward County spent \$1,500,000 for county hospital expenditures. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's expenditures is \$2,000,000. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.00159/\$100 to recoup 8% more than the preceding year's expenditures.

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Vicki Heflin, Tax Assessor Collector on 08/04/2023.

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.