

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The City of Port Lavaca will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.34% (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 22, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

The second public hearing will be held on August 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

On August 8, 2016 the members of the governing body voted to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate for the 2016-2017 fiscal year as an action item on the agenda of a future meeting (September 12, 2016) with the proposal to consider a tax increase .
The final vote will take place on September 12, 2016.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.60% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.10.

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

FOR:
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Tax Rate	Adopted FY 2015-2016	Proposed FY 2016-2017
Property Tax Rate	.7900	.7900*
Effective Rate	.7996	.7719
Effective M&O Tax Rate	.7219	.6973
Debt Rate	.0777	.0746**
Rollback Tax Rate	.8706	.8430

Debt service requirements for the City of Port Lavaca are currently \$.0746** of the current **proposed property tax rate of \$.7900* (To be determined)**. Even though the City has six outstanding general obligation debt issues, the 2012 is the only issue paid by property taxes. At the end of Fiscal Year 2016-2017, outstanding general obligation bond and certificates of obligation bonds will be \$6,945,000 however only \$1,895,000 is currently supported by property taxes.

16-17 Debt Service Requirement to be paid by property taxes \$326,361. See Debt rate (.0746**) requirement above.

Other information:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Port Lavaca **last year** was \$97,098. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.7900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$767.07.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Port Lavaca **this year** is \$100,269. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.7719 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$773.98.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.7900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$792.13.

Member of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.