

Orange County Drainage District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Orange County Drainage District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on August 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the OCDD Administration Building, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, 77630. Although the meeting will be held at the District's Administration Building, one or more, if not all, of the Directors may attend the meeting by telephone conference call. Due to the social distancing orders and recommendations issued by federal, state and local authorities, and for the safety and welfare of the public and Drainage District staff, members of the public will be allowed to attend and participate in the hearing in person or by telephone conference call, by calling toll free 888-204-5987, and entering the access code (7386812#) when prompted.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal:	Hal LaPray, Larry Ancelot, Jr.
AGAINST the proposal:	James Scales
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Brent Peveto, Russell Covington

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.13670/\$100	\$0.13410/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00260/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-1.90%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$122,708	\$135,086
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or disabled person's exemptions)	\$24,542	\$27,017
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$98,166	108,069
Tax on average residence homestead	\$134.19	\$144.92
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$10.73 7.996%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code. 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.