

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Hidalgo 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 9.57 percent (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 September 5, 2008 at 4:00 PM at City of Hidalgo City Hall, 704 E. Texano Dr., Hidalgo, TX 78557.

The second public hearing will be held on September 16, 2008 at 5:45 PM at City of Hidalgo City Hall, 704 E. Texano Dr., Hidalgo, TX 78557.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Alvin Samano, Mayor-Pro-Tem	Siglinde Franz
	Daniel Dillard, II	Pedro Fonseca
	Guillermo Ramirez	
AGAINST:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	John David Franz, Mayor	

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Hidalgo last year was \$73,813. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.351400 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$259.38.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Hidalgo this year is \$75,169. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.373579 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$280.82

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.351400 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$264.14.

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