

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The WEST KEEGANS BAYOU I.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on October 11, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. at 9814 Camellia Gardens Dr., Richmond, Texas 77407. 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.

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.

FOR the proposal: Amarjit Verma, Sheila White, Richard Alvarado, Kalpesh Patel

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Viqar Anwar

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.08300/\$100 Adopted	\$.07868/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.00432/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-5.20%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$223,147	\$246,152
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$44,629	\$49,230
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$178,518	\$196,922
Tax on average residence homestead	\$148.16	\$154.93
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$6.77
and percentage of increase (+/-)		4.56%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON 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 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. Tax Code 26.013 permits the district to include any prior year unused increment rate in calculating the maximum rate allowed without an election. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate. The voter-approval tax rate is \$.07869, which includes \$.00083 of unused increment.

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.