

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.55463 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Wheeler County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.55463 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.55463 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.74515 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wheeler County_ from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Wheeler County_ may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Wheeler County_ is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2026 AT 9:30 AM AT Commissioner's Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 S Main Street, Wheeler, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Wheeler County_ is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Wheeler County Commissioner's Court of Wheeler County_ at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

**FOR the
proposal:**

Chalone Hefley, County Judge

Jackie Don May, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 1

Phillip Gaines, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cecil W Gaither, Commissioner Pct. 3

John Walker, Commissioner Pct. 4

**AGAINST the
proposal:**

PRESENT and
not voting:

ABSENT:

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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Wheeler County_ last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Wheeler County_ this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.51724	\$0.55463	increase of 0.03739 per \$100, or 7.23%
Average homestead taxable value	\$89,334	\$93,690	increase of 4.88%
Tax on average homestead	\$462.07	\$519.63	increase of 57.56, or 12.46%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$7,459,823	\$7,353,135	decrease of -106,688, or -1.43%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Wheeler County_ spent \$130,789 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$50,138. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00030/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Wheeler County_ at 806-826-3131 or cindy.brown@co.wheeler.tx.us, or visit <https://www.wheelercounty.texas.gov/> for more information.