

RESOLUTION NO. 988

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED TAX RATE; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE; AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL 2, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2019.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2, also known as the Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019, passed during the 2019 legislative session, making significant changes to the property tax rate setting process; and

WHEREAS, the changes made by the above legislation became effective on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City staff has developed a proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget based on no change to the total City property tax rate in order to provide for an adequate range of public services for the citizens and businesses of Terrell; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Terrell is required to vote on the proposal to consider the proposed tax rate at a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council wishes to receive public comment on the proposal to leave the City of Terrell property tax rate unchanged at \$0.7642 per \$100 of valuation for Tax Year 2020.
2. That the City Council of the City of Terrell proposes to consider this net increase in total City property taxes as part of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.
3. That the City Council hereby sets a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for August 25, 2020, at 7 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Terrell City Hall, 201 E. Nash Street, Terrell, Texas.
4. That the City Secretary or her designee is hereby authorized to publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the City and on the City's website the attached notice of Public Hearing.
5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and it is accordingly **SO RESOLVED**.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Terrell, Texas, on the 11th day of August, 2020.



E. RICK CARMONA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DAWN STEIL, CITY SECRETARY



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City of Terrell current tax rate is .7642 per \$100 of valuation.

A tax rate of .7642 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Terrell.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.764200 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.725952 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.776163 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Terrell from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Terrell is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD
ON August 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Terrell City Hall, 200 E. Nash Street,
Terrell, Texas.**

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Terrell is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting members of the City Council of the City of Terrell at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

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

FOR: _____

AGAINST: _____

PRESENT and not voting: _____

ABSENT: _____

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 the City of Terrell last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Terrell this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.7642	.7642	0%
Average homestead taxable value	106091	116175	Increase of 9.5%
Tax on average homestead	810.75	887.81	Increase of 9.5%
Total tax levy on all properties	10,026,916	10,753,538	Increase of 7.3%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the Kaufman County Tax Assessor at 469-376-4689 or bsamples@kaufmancounty.net or visit www.kaufmancounty.net for more information.