

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF SWEENY 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 3.36 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 August 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the City Hall, 102 Ashley Wilson Road in Sweeny, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the City Hall, 102 Ashely Wilson Road in Sweeny, Texas.

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

FOR:	Gary Coker	Thomas Lemon
	Neal Bess	Ray Bailey
	Linda Diaz	

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF SWEENY last year was \$73,969. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.750000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$554.77.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF SWEENY this year is \$73,083. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.737311 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$538.85

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.762105 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$556.97.

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

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The CITY OF SWEENY conducted public hearings on August 26, 2008 and September 2, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CITY OF SWEENY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.36 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.750000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$820,924.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.762105 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$847,010.

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The City Council of CITY OF SWEENY is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 16, 2008 at the City Hall, 102 W Ashley Wilson Road in Sweeny, Texas at 7:00 pm.

**Section 26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
New Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate**

Entity Name: CITY OF SWEENY

Date: 8/15/2008

Language Required in the Motion Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

This year's proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be a record vote. A motion to adopt the ordinance, resolution, or order must be made in the following form: "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.762105."

Statement Required in the Ordinance, Resolution, or Order Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

This year's tax levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. Also, this year's M&O tax rate is higher than the effective maintenance and operations tax rate. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document:

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$33.28.

Statement That Must be Posted on the Home Page of Any Internet Website Operated by the Taxing Unit:

This year's tax levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. Also, this year's M&O tax rate is higher than the effective maintenance and operations tax rate. The following statements must be included on the home page of any Internet website operated by CITY OF SWEENY:

CITY OF SWEENY ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$33.28.