# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.51587 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Archer County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.51587 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.49638 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.51587 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Archer County from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Archer County 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 Archer County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 12, 2024 AT 09:30 AM AT Commissioners' Courtroom, Archer County Courthouse Annex 112 E Walnut Archer City TX 76351.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Archer County 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 the members of the Archer County Commissioner's Court at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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:** Wade Scarbrough Darin Wolf

Pat Martin III Todd Herring

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** 

Visit 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 Archer County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Archer County this year.

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | Change                   |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per | \$0.52343 | \$0.51587 | decrease of -0.00756 per |

| \$100 of value)                  |             |             | \$100, or -1.44%              |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Average homestead taxable value  | \$162,111   | \$187,997   | increase of 15.97%            |
| Tax on average homestead         | \$848.54    | \$969.82    | increase of 121.28, or 14.29% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$5,570,480 | \$5,868,492 | increase of 298,012, or 5.35% |

### **No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments**

#### **State Criminal Justice Mandate**

The Archer County Auditor certifies that Archer County has spent \$16,970 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Archer County Sheriff has provided Archer County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00051/\$100.

## **Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures**

Archer County spent \$38,243 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$2,934. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00026/\$100.

## **Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures**

Archer County spent \$19,174 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 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 \$429. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00003/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Archer County at (940) 574-4531 or archertax@co.archer.tx.us, or visit archercountytax.org for more information.