

Notice About 2026 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in Jefferson County.

This notice concerns the 2026 property tax rates for Jefferson County. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.365712/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.416171/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	99,615,090
Interest & Sinking	620,586

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (*or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable*).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2019 Certificate of Obligation	700,000	221,750	5,000	926,750

Total required for 2026 debt service	\$926,750
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$350,000
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$162,226
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2026	\$414,524
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.00% of its taxes in 2026	\$4,187
= Total debt levy	\$418,711

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Jefferson County Auditor certifies that Jefferson County has spent \$5,859,719 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Jefferson County Sheriff has provided Jefferson County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.003184/\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Jefferson County spent \$4,618,896 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 on enhanced indigent health care 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 \$152,807. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.000475/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Jefferson County spent \$2,773,610 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$2,677,755 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$95,855. This increased the voter-approval rate by 0.000298/\$100 the increased expenditures.

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Kate Carroll, Jefferson County Tax Assessor-Collector on 07/28/2026 .

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.