

Notice About 2024 Tax Rates

Property Tax Rates in Walker County.

This notice concerns the 2024 property tax rates for Walker 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 \$0.4153/\$100.

This year’s voter-approval tax rate \$0.4662/\$100.

To see the full calculations, please visit walker.countytxrates.com for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balances.

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
General Fund	\$12,276,572
EMS Fund	\$3,793,235
Debt Service Fund	\$389,879
Projects Fund	\$9,476,671
Road and Bridge Fund	\$148,777
Insurance Fund - Retiree Fund	\$2,230,684

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
Certificates of Obligation Series 2012	\$1,055,000	\$322,568	\$0	\$1,377,568

Total required for 2024 debt service	\$ 1,377,568
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$ 149,065
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$ 71,000
- Excess collections last year	\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2024	\$ 1,157,503
+ Amount added in anticipation that the taxing unit will collect only 100.0000% of its taxes in 2024	\$ 0
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 1,157,503

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Walker County Auditor certifies that Walker County has spent \$250,965 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Walker County Sheriff has provided Walker information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.0021 /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Walker spent \$746,068 from July 1 2023 to June 30 2024 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$674,906 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$71,162. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by 0.0005/\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

This notice contains a summary of the no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Stacey M. Poteete, Chief Appraiser, 08/02/2024.

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.