NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of .079971 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.079971 per $100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	$0.079971 per $100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	$0.082890 per $100
DE MINIMIS RATE	$0.149505 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 Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4, the rate that will raise $500,000, and the current debt rate for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 21, 2020 at 05:30 PM at the Labelle Fire Station, District Administrative Office, 12880 FM 365, Beaumont, Texas 77705.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Board of Directors of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

property tax amount=(tax rate) X (taxable value of your property)/100

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

FOR:
Jeff Roebuck President
Sandra Melton Treasurer
Robert Bordes Assistant Treasurer

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:
Charlie Reneau Vice President
Randy Walston Secretary

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 Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 this year:

	2019	2020	Change		
Total Tax Rate (per $100 of value)	$0.076438	$0.079971	*increase of*	$0.003533 OR	
Average homestead taxable value	$159,468	$149,707	*decrease of*	-6.12%	
Tax on average homestead	$122	$120	*decrease of*	-$2 OR	-1.78%
Total tax levy on all properties	$564,413	$576,003	*increase of*	$11,590 OR	2.05%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact Alison Nathan Getz, the tax assessor-collector for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4 at 409-835-8514 or jeffcotnt@co.jefferson.tx.us, or visit www.jeffcotax.com for more information.