## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.500000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Blue Ridge.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.500000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.431319 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.399195 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE \$0.976589 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Blue Ridge from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Blue Ridge may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Blue Ridge exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Blue Ridge.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Blue Ridge, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Blue Ridge.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Blue Ridge is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM AT Blue Ridge Community Center, 200 W Tilton, Blue Ridge, TX 75424.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of Blue Ridge adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Blue Ridge may petition the City of Blue Ridge to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Blue Ridge will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Blue Ridge.

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

Christina Porath Keith Chitwood
Tammy Crosswhite David Sturgeon

Colby Collinsworth

AGAINST the proposal:

FOR 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 City of Blue Ridge last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Blue Ridge this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.472247	\$0.500000	increase of 0.027753, or 5.88%
Average homestead taxable value	\$142,149	\$158,781	increase of 16,632, or 11.70%
Tax on average homestead	\$671.29	\$793.91	increase of 122.62, or 18.27%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$359,219	\$424,345	increase of 65,126, or 18.13%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Blue Ridge at 972-547-5020 or taxassessor@collincountytx.gov, or visit www.blueridgecity.com for more information.

## **Notice About 2023 Tax Rates**

Property tax rates in City of Blue Ridge.

This notice concerns the 2023 property tax rates for City of Blue Ridge. 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 \$0.431319/\$100 This year's voter-approval tax rate \$0.399195/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit www.blueridgecity.com 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 (M&O)		
Interest & Sinking (I&S)	0	

## **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	
Mini Excavator	4,044	1,521	0	5,565	
Ridgeway Street Project	41,348	14,828	0	56,176	
Total required for 2023 debt service			\$61,741		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds			\$0		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0		
- Excess collections last year			\$17,643		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2023			\$44,098		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.36% of its taxes in 2023			\$-159		
= Total debt levy			\$43,939		

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Kenneth L. Maun, Tax Assessor-Collector on 08/15/2023.

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