## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on September 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Office, 4749 Twin City Highway, Suite 300, Port Arthur, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

For the proposal:	Richard Beaumont, Chairman James Gamble, Sr.	Billy Joe Butler, Secretary Albert Moses, Jr.
Against the proposal:	None	
<b>Present</b> and not voting:	None	
Absent:	Lester Champagne, Vice-Chairman	

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	-	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.239850/\$100 Adopted		\$0.311805/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.071955	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		30.00%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$108,315		\$117,229
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$21,079		\$23,188
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$87,236		\$94,041
Tax on average residence homestead	\$209.24		\$293.22
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$83.98 40.14%	

## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

The governing body of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of increased costs of maintenance and operation, costs associated with various improvement projects, potential matching grant funds, which are generally 25% local share, and more importantly for the Sabine Pass to Galveston (S2G) Project matching grant fund that is 35% local share. The S2G will require more staff and resources to fulfill the obligations of property acquisition, utility relocations, project management, etc.