

Liberty County Considers 12.5% Property Tax Rate Increase

O'Connor discusses the possible large tax rate increase in Liberty County.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Liberty County commissioners are considering a 12.5% increase in the county's property tax rate for the 2026-27 fiscal year, proposing a rate of \$0.5400 per \$100 of taxable value, up from \$0.4800 in 2025-26.

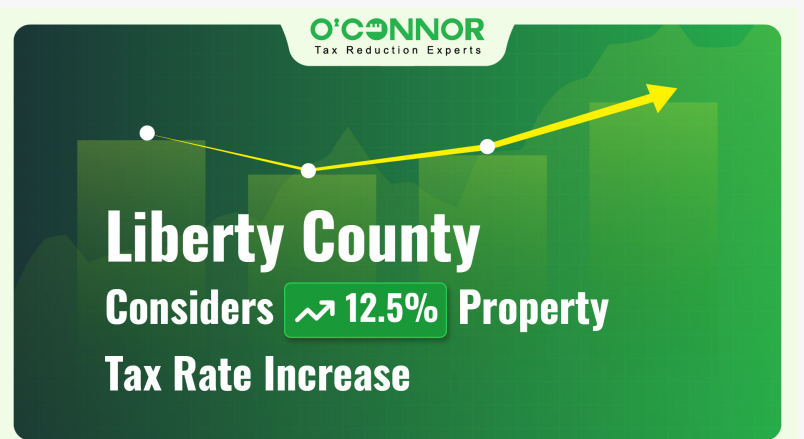
The proposed increase comes as the county faces a decline of approximately \$2 billion in taxable property value. The proposed rate is also above the county's no-new-revenue rate, meaning it would generate additional property tax revenue compared with the previous year.

The county's proposed fiscal year 2027 budget anticipates approximately \$68.65 million in General Fund revenue, including about \$49.85 million from current property taxes. Sales and use tax revenue is projected at approximately \$6.74 million, compared with \$7.3 million in the current budget.

The county is also accounting for financial obligations associated with major projects, including the new Liberty County Jail. Commissioners held the first required public hearings on the proposed tax rate and budget Sept. 8.

"The tax increase proposed by Liberty County is regrettable. Texans are already facing a high tax

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burden, and continued inflation is putting additional pressure on household budgets. Before raising taxes, the government should consider whether it can meet its needs with a lower amount and avoid placing an unnecessary burden on taxpayers," said Patrick O'Connor, president of O'Connor.

The proposed 54-cent rate remains below Liberty County's 57.8-cent rate from three years ago.

The increase in the county tax rate does not necessarily translate into the same percentage increase in every homeowner's property tax bill, as individual bills vary based on property values, exemptions, and other factors.

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