

## CITY OF HOUSTON

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**Subject:** No Tag Memo – Agenda item to propose the tax rate and provide for publication of the notice

On August 29, 2018, the City approved Motion 2018-0438, which appoints the City's representatives to calculate and publish the City's Proposed Tax Rate, Effective and Rollback Tax Rates.

Per Texas Local Government Code 140.010 a municipality must provide Notice to the Public no later than the later of September 1<sup>st</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> day after receipt of the certified roll, which is September 20, 2018.

In order to allow additional time to resolve the challenge of the population estimate with the U.S. Census Bureau, the publication of the Notice is scheduled on September 20<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the City has not gotten an official response from the U.S. Census Bureau on the population challenge, therefore the proposed tax rate is based on the May 24<sup>th</sup> published U.S. Census population data.

The current proposed tax rate complies with Propositions 1 and H and is in compliance with the schedule prescribed in the Texas Tax Code.

Finance will submit to Council on September 19<sup>th</sup> the Proposed Tax Rate, Effective and Rollback Tax rates and its intent to consider a tax rate on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

City Council must pass a motion proposing the Tax Rate to meet the statutory deadline to publish Notice of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, otherwise the item would be moot.

It is respectfully requested that this item not be tagged to adhere to the State Statute.

Tartri Emo, Finance Director