

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At-Large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2/ Mayor ProTem

*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

## ORDINANCE 579

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes which authorizes City Council to provide by ordinance, for the prompt collection of all taxes assessed, levied and imposed, and to make such rules and regulations, and pass all ordinances as they may deem necessary to the levying, laying, imposing, assessing and collection of any tax therein provided.

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes which states that the City Council may by ordinance, regulate the manner of making out tax lists or inventories and appraisals of property therein, and prescribed, and prescribe the oath that shall be administered on such rendition of property therein, and prescribe how and when the property shall thus be rendered, and to prescribe the number and form of assessment rolls, and fix the duties and powers of the assessor and collector, and adopt such measure, as they deem advisable to secure the assessment of all property within the limits of said city and collect the tax thereupon.

*WHEREAS*, heretofore an ordinance was duly passed on the 14th day of September, 2023, by the City Council adopting a City Budget for the City of Socorro, Texas, with such ordinance being passed in accordance with property notice to tax payers by publication and only after a public hearings were held on the the 7th day of September and September 14, 2023, pursuant to notice on the manner and for the time required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS THAT;

### SECTION 1

In accordance with the Charter of the City of Socorro and the statues of the State of Texas the Socorro City Council does levy a property tax on real and personal property situated within the boundaries of the City of Socorro for the purpose of generating revenue for the newly adopted budget and further that such levy is assessed in accordance with the property notice of the tax payers through publication and public hearings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September and the 14th day of September, 2023 such levy

being set at a rate of .702021 per \$100.00 value on real and personal property situated within the boundaries of Socorro, Texas, as set forth below:

A. For General Purposes:

For the General Fund and for the purpose of defraying current municipal expenses of the City of Socorro not otherwise provided for .581202 of one percent.

B. For Special Purposes

To pay the interest on and provide a Sinking Fund to redeem bonds and certificates of obligation a total Levy for Special Purposes, .120819 of one percent.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

***SECTION II***

In accordance with Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes, City Council exercises its power to provide for prompt collection of taxes assessed, levied and imposed under Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in Texas Civil Statutes, and to make such rules and regulations by ordinance necessary to levy, impose and collect the property tax of .702021 per \$100.00 value on property situated within the boundaries of the City of Socorro, Texas. Specifically, City Council authorizes the assessment and collection of the newly ordained property tax.

**SECTION III**

In accordance with Title 3, Local Taxation, Tax Code, contained in the Texas Civil Statutes, City Council exercises its power to adopt such measures, as it deems advisable to secure the assessment of all property within the limits of the city, and collect the taxes thereupon. Specifically, City Council hereby contracts with the El Paso City Tax Office, thereby authorizing said office to assess all property within the limits of this city, and collect the taxes thereupon, for the benefit of the City of Socorro, Texas.

**SECTION IV**

The El Paso City Tax Office is hereby directed to distribute the collected funds into the following accounts in the following proportions:

Maintenance and Operations: .581202  
Debt Service: .120819

This ordinance was passed by City Council with all the formal and legal requirements necessary and traditionally associated with the passage of such as evidenced by the below signatures.

SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.



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Ivy Avalos, Mayor




ATTEST:



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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

AS TO FORM:



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James A. Martinez, City Attorney

First Reading : September 7, 2023

Second Reading and Adoption: September 14, 2023

## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.702021 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF SOCORRO.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.702021 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.706182 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.702021 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 SOCORRO 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 SOCORRO may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF SOCORRO is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

**A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 14, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas 79927.**

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF SOCORRO 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 the members of the CITY COUNCIL of CITY OF SOCORRO at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

**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

**FOR the proposal:** Cesar Nevarez Alejandro Garcia  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT and not voting:** Mayor Ivy Avalos

**ABSENT:** Ruben Reyes Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.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 SOCORRO last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF SOCORRO this year.

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.765492	\$0.702021	decrease of -0.063471, or -8.29%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$125,524	\$143,553	increase of 18,029, or 14.36%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$960.88	\$1,007.77	increase of 46.89, or 4.88%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$10,810,843	\$11,820,141	increase of 1,009,298, or 9.34%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF SOCORRO at (915) 212-0106 or [citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov), or visit <https://costx.us/> for more information.