



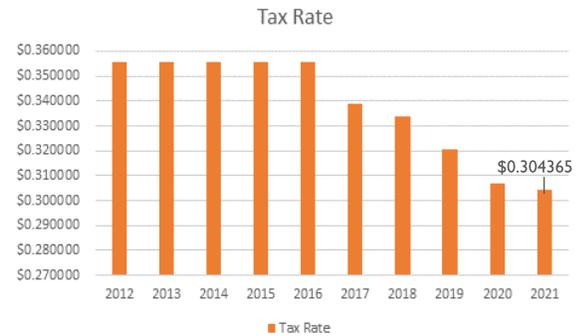
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FY2021 Tax Rate Set for Adoption, Lowered Again

October brings with it football, chili, cooler weather, and pumpkin spice everything. The 10th month of the year also brings about a new fiscal year for most Texas cities. In September, the City Council will finalize months of budget preparations, work sessions, and public hearings as they approve the budget and tax rate for the 2021 fiscal year.

We have great news for residents. The City Council will approve a tax rate that is below both the current tax rate and the “no new revenue” tax rate (previously called the effective tax rate). One of the City’s financial policies is that we will not raise property tax revenue over the previous year unless a need is identified, vetted, and fully justified. So, what does this mean to you? It means that next year, your city property tax bill on average should remain about the same.

By the way, Colleyville has historically had the second lowest tax rate in the region, second only to Grapevine, and we expect that to remain true as cities adopt new tax rates. In addition, Colleyville provides a \$65,000 property tax exemption and a property value freeze for our senior community over 65.



Colleyville will lower the tax rate again, this time below both the current rate and the no new revenue tax rate.

Colleyville’s Public Safety Earns Numerous Awards



Police Department

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recently announced their 2020 MADD North Texas Salute Our Heroes awards. Officer Elias Olivarez was awarded the Enforcement Hero Award for his 20 DWI arrests last year. He took the time to encourage and assist new officers with their DWI investigations, resulting in an increase in both the confidence and ability of new officers.

Officer Jessica Mackey was awarded the Commitment Hero Award for having the 2nd most DWI arrests in the agency and due to her significant contribution to DWI training and education. She made a consistent effort to locate and address any DWI concerns reported. Officer Mackey assisted in the training of new officers in 2019 working directly with the Field Training Coordinator to ensure our newest employees were prepared to deal with alcohol related offenses.

Congratulations Officer Olivarez and Officer Mackey! Their efforts and commitment to reducing alcohol related deaths and injuries in our community is appreciated.

Fire Department

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) State Partnership has recognized the Colleyville Fire Department at the GOLD Level of pediatric care readiness through the EMS Recognition Program. This is a multi-phase recognition program for EMS agencies who wish to establish programs and standards to improve their capabilities to deliver care to pediatric patients.

This recognition places a spotlight on the delivery of high-quality emergency medical care for children, focusing on the unique needs of critically ill or injured pediatric patients and the challenges faced by EMS professionals in meeting those needs.

The EMSC State Partnership is a statewide collaborative project funded through the Health Resource and Services Administration’s EMS for Children Program. Baylor College of Medicine is the site of the Texas EMSC office and is working in partnership with the largest children’s hospitals in Texas, their affiliated colleges of medicine, and representatives of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Grant Funding Pays Off Big for Public Works

Colleyville Public Works department has been awarded another grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the LD Lockett Pump Station Generator project. An official from FEMA notified staff the City is slated to receive \$363,000 in grant funding for the pump station generator project. This is the second grant received under the FEMA program. The first grant funded a generator at City Hall. In all, our city has received \$513,000 in grant funding for these improvements.



Enhanced Utility Bill Payment System

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ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM

The City of Colleyville has enhanced our online BillPay portal making it easier than ever to pay your utility bill. Now users can:

- Sign up for paperless billing
- View your statement history
- Sign up for recurring payments
- Sign up for SMS text-to-pay

To register for the portal, visit the URL below with your account number/customer number combination and service address:
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Registration is quick and easy. With your account number/customer number combination and service address ready, visit the portal and click enroll. Any users with logins created before August 26 will need to enroll in the new system.

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October is Fire Prevention Month

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and injure almost 20,000 more. Make sure your home is protected and your family is prepared for a fire with these simple tips:

- 1) Smoke Alarms – Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
- 2) Create an Escape Route – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room.
- 3) Clean Dryer Vents – Clothes dryers often start fires. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes. Clean the exhaust vent at least twice a year.
- 4) Prevent Electrical Fires – Don't overload circuits or extension cords and never place under rugs or in high traffic areas.
- 5) Position Appliances Carefully – Keep appliances and TVs away from curtains (which can spread a fire quickly) and water sources to prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.

Remember it is always better to be proactive rather than reactive. We encourage you to utilize the above tips to reduce the risk for catastrophe or at least minimize the damage.



Upcoming Events

Zumba

Mondays & Wednesdays

Oct. 5 - 28

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Colleyville Senior Center

Zumba combines fitness and motivational music with combinations of world dance to create a dynamic, effective, and fun fitness program that tones and sculpts the body.

Confused by Medicare

Tuesday, Oct. 6, Oct. 20

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Colleyville Senior Center

Complimentary workshop hosted by Matt Curry, a licensed insurance agent, to learn more about the basics and intricacies of Medicare. Call 817.503.1195 to register.

Brick Art and Design Lab

Monday, Oct. 12

9 a.m. - noon

Colleyville Senior Center

Students will create their own works of art out of LEGO bricks. Children will draw inspiration and guidance from many great works of art.

For more information on these and other events, visit

Colleyville.com

City Meetings

City Council	Oct. 6	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Oct. 12	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Oct. 13	7 p.m.
City Council	Oct. 20	7:30 p.m.



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