

Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7 Sales and Use Tax Proposition Election Summary



The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7 ("FBCESD 7", or the "District") has called for a sales and use tax proposition to be on the election ballot for Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

If approved by voters, this proposition would authorize up to 1 percent (1%) to be captured by the District in all areas not yet at the state maximum of 8.25%. The funds will be used to address the needs of the District to address the rapid growth in the area.

For more information on the sales and use tax proposition including exhibits and resident educational materials, please visit the FBCESD 7 website: www.fresnofiretx.com



Q. Is this a property tax? Are my property taxes going up?

A. No. This is a sales and use tax, which will be applied to all taxable goods and services purchased within the District boundaries. This would apply to local residents and anyone traveling to or through the District who purchases taxable goods and services.

Q. Will I be charged more than 8.25% on taxable purchases?

A. No. The state maximum on all taxable purchases is 8.25%. This will capture the 1% (one penny on every dollar) in those places within the District boundaries not already collecting 8.25% on taxable purchases.

Q. What will this additional revenue be used for?

A. The three overarching goals outlined in the long-range plan are:

- ◆ Advanced life support (ALS) implementation to include LUCAS devices and additional priority medical response equipment
- ◆ Need for an additional station, including staffing and implementation of a rapid medical response team by 2025
- ◆ Enhanced cancer screening and prevention measures for first responder staff

Q. How do I find it on the ballot?

A. The November 7, 2023 ballot language will read as follows:

"The adoption of an increased local sales and use tax in Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7 at a rate not to exceed one percent in any location in the district."

Q. What if the proposition fails?

A. FBCESD 7 will continue to work to serve the residents within the District boundaries, but their ability to address the issues facing the District and implement the long-term District plan will be limited.

Q. When is Early Voting?

A. Early Voting begins October 23, 2023, and Election Day is November 7, 2023. For more information on voting, including registering to vote, go to: www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/elections-voter-registration

