



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Adoption of Tax Rate for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): Financial/Facilities – The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- After adoption of the fiscal year budget, the Board of Trustees must adopt a tax rate through the adoption of an ordinance, resolution, or order.
- The tax rate consists of two components, maintenance and operations (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S).

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

- The following ordinance provides for the levying and assessing of ad valorem taxes for the Aledo Independent School District for tax year 2015.
- The ordinance establishes a total tax rate of \$1.5950 per one hundred dollars of value, with \$1.1700 being allocated to the General Fund (M&O) and \$0.4250 allocated to the Debt Service Fund (I&S).
- The proposed tax rate is an increase of \$0.1698 from the 2014-2015 tax rate of \$1.4252. The proposed M&O component of the tax rate remains at \$1.1700. The proposed I&S component of the tax rate is increased to \$0.4250. The proposed increase of \$0.1698 in the I&S rate is attributable to the 2015 bond program (\$0.0851) and the General Fund no longer subsidizing the I&S rate (\$0.0847).
- The proposed tax rate is the first change to the District's total tax rate since the 2008-2009 fiscal year, a period of seven years.
- The proposed tax rate of \$1.5950 is the tax rate needed to fund the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget approved by the Board of Trustees on August 31, 2015.

FISCAL NOTE:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.5950, which is effectively a 16.08 percent increase in the tax rate and adopt the following ordinance levying and assessing ad valorem taxes for the Aledo Independent School District for the 2015 tax year. This ordinance sets the 2015 total tax rate at \$1.5950 per one hundred dollars of valuation, of which \$1.1700 is allocated to the General Fund and \$0.4250 is allocated to the Debt Service Fund.

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND
ASSESSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR THE 2015 TAX YEAR**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District hereby levies and adopts a tax rate on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all property, real and personal, situated in the Aledo Independent School District for tax year 2015, except such property as may be exempt from taxation by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, and policies of the Aledo Independent School District; and,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District has adopted the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the General Fund; and,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District has also adopted the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the Debt Service Fund, which provides for the repayment of principal, interest, and fees on bonded indebtedness of the District; and,

Whereas, the total tax rate proposed to fund these budgets is less than the rollback rate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year; and,

Whereas, all required notices and advertisements relating to the adoption of the tax rates have been posted and printed; and,

Whereas, this meeting has been duly posted for more than 72 hours; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District does hereby adopt the tax rates for the local taxes to fund the General Fund budget and the Debt Service Fund budget as follows:

Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate	\$ 1.1700
Interest and Sinking Tax Rate	<u>\$ 0.4250</u>
Total Tax Rate	<u>\$ 1.5950</u>

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.48 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00

This vote being taken on the 15th day of September, 2015, received a recorded vote of _____ AYES and _____ NAYS.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees