



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Setting August 26, 2019 and August 29, 2019 as the dates for the tax rate public hearings and vote on placing the tax rate adoption on the agenda of the September 9, 2019 City Council meeting.
PRESENTER: Robert Myers, Director of Budget and Research

SUMMARY:

City Council is requested to set the dates for the public hearings on the proposed tax rate of \$0.572 per \$100 of taxable valuation as August 26, 2019 and August 29, 2019. The City Council is also requested to vote to place the adoption of the tax rate as an action item on the September 9, 2019 Council agenda.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In follow up to the FY 2019/2020 Budget Work Session, it is necessary to begin the process of establishing a tax rate for the next fiscal year, in accordance with the city charter and state law. At the Budget Work Session, a tax rate of \$0.572 per \$100 of taxable valuation was proposed. This is \$0.013 lower than the FY 2018/2019 tax rate of \$0.585.

Per Section 26.05(d) of the Tax Code, the City Council cannot adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate until two public hearings have been held on that tax rate. The proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.556143 but does not exceed the rollback rate of \$0.572006. As a result, the City of North Richland Hills will be required to conduct two public hearings on the tax rate. The proposed dates for these public hearings are Monday, August 26, 2019 and Thursday, August 29, 2019, each to be held at the City of North Richland Hills City Hall in the City Council Chamber.

State law requires that the City Council vote to place the adoption of the tax rate on a future City Council agenda as an action item. The date for this vote is planned for Monday, September 9, 2019. This vote would appear as an action item on the agenda for the regular City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to set Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. as the dates for public hearings on the proposed tax rate of \$0.572 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation and to place the adoption of the tax rate as an action item on the Monday, September 9, 2019 City Council agenda.