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PRESS RELEASE

Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3
Lowers Ad Valorem Taxation again for Fifth Year in a Row

On Monday, September 23, 2023, the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 Board of Commissioners, operating locally as the Oak Hill Fire Department, took action to lower the tax rate for the community again for the fifth year in a row. The District continues to leverage its strong financial planning and policy decisions as well as robust performance from vendors remitting sales tax to the District to be able to further reduce the ad valorem (property) tax burden on the community. The District's Commissioners continued their review of operational plans to ensure the District continues to provide the high level of service the community expects by employing and supporting the high performing workforce at the Oak Hill Fire Department. Also, as part of the budgeting process, the District's Commissioners ensured that the department remains well equipped, well trained, and well compensated to be able to continue providing the services expected by the community.

Therefore, the Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 are pleased to announce that the District unanimously adopted a **new ad valorem tax rate of 4.0 cents** per hundred dollars of valuation compared to the previous year's 4.5 cents tax rate per hundred dollars of valuation. The newly adopted lower tax rate will go into effect for the 2024 calendar year and represents a tax rate that is below both the "voter-approval" tax rate and the "no-new-revenue" tax rate, meaning that the District has not only reduced its tax rate, but it has also actually reduced the amount of taxes its community members pay for fire and emergency medical first response services.

Through financial planning, policy decision making, leveraging of cooperative purchasing opportunities with other entities, and continuing their cost control measures in an ever-changing emergency services environment, the District was able to again assist the community by lowering its tax rate while maintaining the high level of emergency services the community expects and desires.

The Oak Hill Fire Department operates out of two fully staffed fire stations located at 9211 Circle Drive and 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard. By also utilizing Automatic Aid agreements with all of its neighboring departments in Travis County, the quickest response to those in need is consistently maintained.

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