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PRESS RELEASE

For third year in a row, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 Lowers Ad Valorem Tax Rate

On Monday, September 27, the Board of Commissioners for Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3, operating locally as the Oak Hill Fire Department, took action for the third year in a row to lower the tax rate for its community. While still dealing with the novel coronavirus pandemic and its implications on the District's operations and administration, the District continued to leverage its financial policy decisions to be able to further reduce its tax burden on the community. As part of their regular budgeting process, the District's Commissioners continued to review operational plans to continue providing a high level of service to the community and ensuring their high performing workforce remains well equipped and well trained to continue providing the services expected for the community. The District was able to purchase a replacement ladder truck this past year to ensure reliable and technologically advanced equipment remains available and continued to remain competitive with employee compensation to retain its highly skilled providers that are serving 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 6.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation compared to the previous year's 7.9 cents tax rate per hundred dollars of valuation. The newly adopted lower tax rate will go into effect for the 2022 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 actually reduced the amount of taxes its community members pay for fire and emergency medical first response services.

Through its thoughtful financial planning, leveraging of cooperative purchasing opportunities with other entities, and continuing cost control measures in an ever-changing emergency services environment, the District was able to meet its commitment to the community in lowering the tax rate again while continuing to maintain its 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.

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