



# St. George Fire Protection District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ST. GEORGE TAX RENEWALS

The October 22nd election ballot will feature three renewals of taxes on behalf of the St. George Fire Protection District. These are not new taxes, but are measures currently being collected and expended to provide the high level of fire protection and emergency medical response that we provide all our Citizens. They are as follows:

Proposition #1 is the renewal of a 1.25 mill property tax dedicated to salaries, benefits and related expenses for a period of ten years. This is expected to raise approximately \$1.25 million per year and is subject to the homestead exemption. The tax, which is currently being assessed, on a \$100,000 house is \$3.13; a \$200,000 house is \$13.63 and a \$300,000 house is \$28.13.

Proposition #2 is the renewal of a 1.5 mill property tax dedicated to capital improvements and debt service for a period of five years. This is expected to raise approximately \$1.5 million per year and is subject to the homestead exemption. The tax, which is currently being assessed, on a \$100,000 house is \$3.75; a \$200,000 house is \$18.75 and a \$300,000 house is \$33.75.

Proposition #3 is the renewal of a service charge of \$32 per year for the purpose of development, operations and maintenance on each residential or commercial structure protected by the District for a period of ten years. This is expected to raise approximately \$1 million per year. The fee, which is currently being assessed, is \$32.00.

Each of these renewals represents an important part of the District's current annual budget. These are only assessed and collected in the District, and all their proceeds are spent to benefit the Citizens of the District.

Public meetings have been scheduled to give each Citizen of the District an opportunity to discuss these and any other issues with the Fire Chief and members of the District's senior staff.

The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 17th at the Bluebonnet Library.

The second meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18th at the Jones Creek Library.

Please make time to attend.