



**Special Topic:**

**VOTE: Emergency  
Services District 17**

# Wells Branch Neighborhood Association



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# VOTE: May 1, 2021 – Travis Co. ESD 17

On May 1, 2021 an election will be held asking voters to approve the creation of a new emergency services district, Travis County Emergency Services District 17. (*Travis ESD 17 Prop A*)

- Early voting is April 19-27
- **Election Day is Saturday, May 1**
- Visit: **[VoteForESD17.com](https://VoteForESD17.com)**





## Purpose of Initiative: Budget Limitations

In 2012, Travis County Emergency Services District 2 Pflugerville Fire Department began sounding the alarm about the funding structure for the district, warning that continuing to pay for EMS services out of a fire department budget was not viable long term.

The situation was made even more urgent after a state law was passed in 2019 that capped ESDs in their tax assessment ability.





## Statement FOR:

**Creation of ESD 17** will provide dedicated EMS funding, ensuring residents will not only continue to receive services at the levels they have become accustomed to, but the staff and maintenance of these facilities will have sustainable infrastructure for the future.

- Solid financial base for existing services, with no reductions
- Keep pace with community growth & urgent response needs
- Provide local, high quality emergency services eliminating the need for more costly municipal or “out-sourced” services





## Statement AGAINST:

If voters elect **not to approve** the creation of ESD 17, PFD ESD 2 will be forced to make tough decisions about cutting existing EMS, ambulance transport, and advanced life-support (ALS) availability, and face increased response times to emergencies in the community.

- Reduction in response time, loss of ALS services
- Loss of some/all of the 5 ambulances/EMS teams in place now
- Replacement with out-of-area or “For-Profit” services, with increased costs, reduced service and slower response times





# The BIG question: Will taxes go up?

Current projections show that by funding ambulance transport and ALS services through the creation of ESD 17 the average homeowner could pay about \$21.50 per month\*.

Currently, the EMS teams, advanced life support, and ambulance services are funded through local fire department resources and that funding model is not sustainable. Future FD funding will create a budget deficit, forcing reductions of existing EMS services.

\* Avg. home value \$258,000, with the 10 cent cap, per \$100, would equate to \$258 annually for the new ESD 17 tax. This would be \$21.50 per month. – Source: <https://voteforesd17.com/frequently-asked-questions/>







## The NEXT question: Ask Yourself

"What is appropriate service? If I've had a heart attack, do I want emergency services to get to me in five to six minutes or 10 to 12 minutes? As our population ages, it is critically important that we're able to get to people within the community within a reasonable amount of time."

*Jeff Travillion, Travis County Commissioner* is an advocate for The new ESD 17 overlay to serve the public safely in a timely, cost-effective manner.





# Thank You Wells Branch



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