

CITY OF SHREVEPORT

2018 Ad Valorem Tax Continuations/Renewals



- On Saturday, **April 28**, Shreveport voters will once again be asked to go to the polls and make a decision about the future of our community. Early voting will be April 14-21 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except Sun. April 15).
- Every five years ad valorem continuation/renewal property taxes are placed before the citizens. The last time this occurred was 2013.
- All the tax propositions have been in effect for more than 40 years, thus no new or increase in taxes. They produce more than \$11 million or 5% of the City's total \$221 million General Fund Budget.
- Since 2015, City property tax rates have been **reduced** by more than 6 mills to their lowest levels since 1982, saving property owners an estimated \$60 per \$100,000 of property value.



The City Property Tax Continuations/Renewals are to maintain the following basic City services and support employees:

- **Proposition 1 – Streets**
 - Improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport.
 - Over 216 street projects completed in 2015, 2016 & 2017. More than 80 new street projects set for 2018.
- **Proposition 2 – Parks & Recreation/Community Centers**
 - Operating and supplying park and recreational facilities and personnel with resources to maintain current programming and levels of service.
 - Our community has over 63 parks, 16 recreation centers, 5 swimming pools, 46 playgrounds, and 4 cemeteries.
- **Proposition 3— Employee Salaries**
 - Continuing the salaries and wage schedule for first responders and other City employees.
- **Proposition 4— Police & Fire Equipment and Uniforms**
 - Public Safety is the City's #1 priority.
 - Provides for police and fire personnel uniforms and equipment.
- **Proposition 5— Pension, Health and Life Insurance**
 - Provides funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees.
- **Proposition 6— Police Three Platoon System**
 - Providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to continue to provide increased staffing through three 8-hour shifts of police patrol officers. In 2017 SPD responded to 215,073 calls for service.
 - Proposition 6 has been paid by citizens since the 1930s but is required to be listed as a new levied tax on the ballot because this is the first time it has gone before the voters. However, this is not a new tax.

