

**2010 Property Tax Rates in County of Lavaca**

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for County of Lavaca. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund</b>
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,675,426	\$1,582,281
Last year's debt taxes	\$286,648	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$4,962,074	\$1,582,281
Last year's tax base	\$1,391,495,794	\$1,381,904,803
Last year's total tax rate	0.3566 /\$100	0.1145 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,950,142	\$1,577,929
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,198,449,387	\$1,188,882,308
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.4130 /\$100	0.1327 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.5457 /\$100	
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>		
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,667,089	\$1,581,263
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,198,449,387	\$1,188,882,308
= This year's effective operating rate	0.3894 /\$100	0.1330 /\$100
<b>x 1.08 = this year's     maximum operating rate</b>	0.4205 /\$100	0.1436 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0300 /\$100	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.4505 /\$100	0.1436 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.5941 /\$100	

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If County of Lavaca adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5457 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$101,451.

**Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund M&O	\$3,138,973
Debt Interest & Sinking	\$78,828

**Schedule B: General Fund - 2010 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

<b>Description of Debt</b>	<b>Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes</b>	<b>Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes</b>	<b>Other Amounts to be Paid</b>	<b>Total Payment</b>
New Jail Construction	\$150,000	\$91,870	\$0	\$241,870
Courthouse Annex	\$165,000	\$31,052	\$0	\$196,052
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$437,922
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$70,945
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$366,977
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$366,977

**Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
FMR	\$335,217

**Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 2010 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

<b>Description of Debt</b>	<b>Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes</b>	<b>Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes</b>	<b>Other Amounts to be Paid</b>	<b>Total Payment</b>
None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

**Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate**

The County of Lavaca Auditor certifies that County of Lavaca has spent \$80 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2009, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County of Lavaca Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures**

The County of Lavaca spent \$7,896 from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$3,254.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Lavaca County Tax Office, 204 E Fourth Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964.

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