

Notice of Effective Tax Rate

2019 **Property Tax Rates in** County Special
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

This notice concerns 2019 property tax rates for County Special.
(insert year) (insert taxing unit name)

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.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ <u>336,362.07</u>
Last year's debt taxes	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Last year's total taxes	\$ <u>336,362.07</u>
Last year's tax base	\$ <u>243,927,914.00</u>
Last year's total tax rate	\$ <u>.14109</u> /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes <i>(after subtracting taxes on lost property)</i>	\$ <u>315,717.35</u>
÷ This year's adjusted tax base <i>(after subtracting value of new property)</i>	\$ <u>254,073,064.00</u>
= This year's effective tax rate <i>(Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	\$ <u>.12426</u> /\$100

<i>In the first year a hospital district collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:</i>	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes <i>(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)</i>	
	\$ <u>315,717.35</u>
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ <u>254,073,064.00</u>
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ <u>.12426</u> /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ <u>.13420</u> /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ <u>0.</u> /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ <u>.13420</u> /\$100

<i>A hospital district that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:</i>	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ _____ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

<i>For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:</i>	
+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ _____ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ _____ /\$100

2019 Sample Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts

Taxing Unit Name

County Special

Phone (area code and number)

Taxing Unit's Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Taxing Unit's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the effective tax rate and rollback tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll and the estimated values of properties under protest.

School districts do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-859 *Sample Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet for School Districts*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Sample Water District Rollback Tax Rate Worksheet*.

The Comptroller's office provides this sample worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

SECTION 1: Effective Tax Rate (No New Taxes)

The effective tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes (no new taxes) if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the effective tax rate should decrease.

The effective tax rate for a county is the sum of the effective tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies.

Line	Effective Tax Rate Activity	Amount/Rate
1.	2018 total taxable value. Enter the amount of 2018 taxable value on the 2018 tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude Tax Code Section 25.25(d) one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2) and the captured value for tax increment financing (will deduct taxes in Line 14). ¹	\$ 243,927,914
2.	2018 tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior college districts. Enter 2018 total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in 2018 or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ²	\$ 19,961,357
3.	Preliminary 2018 adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 223,966,557
4.	2018 total adopted tax rate.	0.141090
5.	2018 taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced 2018 appraised value.	
5. A.	Original 2018 ARB values:	\$ -
5. B.	2018 values resulting from final court decisions:	\$ -
5. C.	2018 value loss. Subtract B from A. ³	\$ -
6.	2018 taxable value, adjusted for court-ordered reductions. Add Line 3 and Line 5C.	\$ 223,966,557
7.	2018 taxable value of property in territory the taxing unit deannexed after Jan. 1, 2018. Enter the 2018 value of property in deannexed territory. ⁴	\$ -

¹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(14)

² Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(14)

³ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(13)

⁴ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(15)

The Property Tax Assistance Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides property tax information and resources for taxpayers, local taxing entities, appraisal districts and appraisal review boards.

For more information, visit our website:

comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

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Line	Effective Tax Rate Activity	Amount/Rate
	2018 taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in 2019. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport or goods-in-transit exemptions.	
8.	A. Absolute exemptions. Use 2018 market value:	\$ 64,070
8.	B. Partial exemptions. 2019 exemption amount or 2019 percentage exemption times 2018 value:	\$ 132,308
8.	C. Value loss. Add A and B.⁵	\$ 196,378.00
	2018 taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in 2019. Use only properties that qualified in 2019 for the first time; do not use properties that qualified in 2018.	
9.	A. 2018 market value:	\$ -
9.	B. 2019 productivity or special appraised value:	\$ -
9.	C. Value loss. Subtract B from A.⁶	\$ -
10.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 7, 8C and 9C.	\$ 196,378
11.	2018 adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 10 from Line 6	\$ 223,770,179
12.	Adjusted 2018 taxes. Multiply Line 4 by Line 11 and divide by \$100.	\$ 315,717.35
13.	Taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2018. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the taxing unit for tax years preceding tax year 2018. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2018. This line applies only to tax years preceding tax year 2018. ⁷	\$ -
14.	Taxes in tax increment financing (TIF) for tax year 2018. Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no 2019 captured appraised value in Line 16D, enter 0. ⁸	\$ -
15.	Adjusted 2018 taxes with refunds and TIF adjustment. Add Lines 12 and 13, subtract Line 14.⁹	\$ 315,717.35
16.	Total 2019 taxable value on the 2019 certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 18). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹⁰	\$ 277,387,666
16.	B. Counties: Include railroad rolling stock values certified by the Comptroller's office:	\$ -
16.	C. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property:	\$ -
16.	D. Tax increment financing: Deduct the 2019 captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the 2019 taxes will be deposited into the tax increment fund. Do not include any new property value that will be included in Line 21 below. ¹¹	\$ -
16.	E. Total 2019 value. Add A and B, then subtract C and D.	\$ 277,387,666

⁵ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(15)
⁶ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(15)
⁷ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(13)
⁸ Tex. Tax Code § 26.03(c)
⁹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(13)
¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012
¹¹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.03(c)

Line	Effective Tax Rate Activity	Amount/Rate
17.	Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll.¹² A. 2019 taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value. ¹³	\$ -
17.	B. 2019 value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives taxing units a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about, but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties also are not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value. ¹⁴	\$ -
17.	C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B.	\$ -
18.	2019 tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior colleges enter 2019 total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in 2018 or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ¹⁵	\$ 21,350,002
19.	2019 total taxable value. Add Lines 16E and 17C. Subtract Line 18.	\$ 256,037,664
20.	Total 2019 taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, 2018. Include both real and personal property. Enter the 2019 value of property in territory annexed. ¹⁶	\$ -
21.	Total 2019 taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in 2018. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the taxing unit after Jan. 1, 2018, and be located in a new improvement. New improvements do include property on which a tax abatement agreement has expired for 2019. ¹⁷	\$ 1,964,600
22.	Total adjustments to the 2019 taxable value. Add Lines 20 and 21.	\$ 1,964,600
23.	2019 adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 22 from Line 19.	\$ 254,073,064
24.	2019 effective tax rate. Divide Line 15 by Line 23 and multiply by \$100. ¹⁸	0.001242
25.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the effective tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the 2019 county effective tax rate. ¹⁹	0.000000

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¹² Tex. Tax Code § 26.01(c) and (d)
¹³ Tex. Tax Code § 26.01(c)
¹⁴ Tex. Tax Code § 26.01(d)
¹⁵ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(6)
¹⁶ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(17)
¹⁷ Tex. Tax Code § 26.012(17)
¹⁸ Tex. Tax Code § 26.04(c)
¹⁹ Tex. Tax Code § 26.04(d)

SECTION 2: Rollback Tax Rate

The rollback tax rate is split into two separate rates:

1. **Maintenance and Operations (M&O):** The M&O portion is the tax rate that is needed to raise the same amount of taxes that the taxing unit levied in the prior year plus eight percent. This rate accounts for such things as salaries, utilities and day-to-day operations.
2. **Debt:** The debt tax rate includes the debt service necessary to pay the taxing unit's debt payments in the coming year. This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

The rollback tax rate for a county is the sum of the rollback tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies. In most cases the rollback tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate, but occasionally decreases in a taxing unit's debt service will cause the effective tax rate to be higher than the rollback tax rate.

Line	Rollback Tax Rate Activity	Amount/Rate
26.	2018 maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate.	
27.	2018 adjusted taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 11.	0.141090
		\$ 223,770,179
28.	2018 M&O taxes.	
	A. Multiply Line 26 by Line 27 and divide by \$100.	\$ 315,717.35
	B. Cities, counties and hospital districts with additional sales tax: Amount of additional sales tax collected and spent on M&O expenses in 2018. Enter amount from full year's sales tax revenue spent for M&O in 2018 fiscal year, if any. Other taxing units enter 0. Counties exclude any amount that was spent for economic development grants from the amount of sales tax spent.	\$ -
	C. Counties: Enter the amount for the state criminal justice mandate. If second or later year, the amount is for increased cost above last year's amount. Other taxing units enter 0.	\$ -
	D. Transferring function: If discontinuing all of a department, function or activity and transferring it to another taxing unit by written contract, enter the amount spent by the taxing unit discontinuing the function in the 12 months preceding the month of this calculation. If the taxing unit did not operate this function for this 12-month period, use the amount spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated the function. The taxing unit discontinuing the function will subtract this amount in H below. The taxing unit receiving the function will add this amount in H below. Other taxing units enter 0. +/-	\$ -
	E. Taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2018: Enter the amount of M&O taxes refunded in the preceding year for taxes before that year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2018. This line applies only to tax years preceding tax year 2018.	\$ -
	F. Enhanced indigent health care expenditures: Enter the increased amount for the current year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures above the preceding tax year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures, less any state assistance.	\$ -
	G. Taxes in TIF: Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no 2019 captured appraised value in Line 16D, enter 0.	\$ -
	H. Adjusted M&O Taxes. Add A, B, C, E and F. For taxing unit with D, subtract if discontinuing function and add if receiving function. Subtract G.	\$ 315,717.35
29.	2019 adjusted taxable value. Enter Line 23 from the <i>Sample Effective Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 254,073,064
30.	2019 effective maintenance and operations rate. Divide Line 28H by Line 29 and multiply by \$100.	
31.	2019 rollback maintenance and operation rate. Multiply Line 30 by 1.08.	0.001242
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