

2010 Property Tax Rates in HIDALGO COUNTY

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This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for HIDALGO COUNTY. 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	\$134,002,644
Last year's debt taxes	\$20,203,636
Last year's total taxes	\$154,206,280
Last year's tax base	\$26,136,657,627
Last year's total tax rate	0.5900 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$151,231,148
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$24,641,707,744
= This year's effective tax rate	0.6137 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

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)	\$133,103,568
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$24,641,707,744
= This year's effective operating rate	0.5402 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.5834 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0793 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.6627 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HIDALGO COUNTY adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6137 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$1,307,267.

Schedule A - 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.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$24,460,157
Debt Service Funds	\$4,291,577

Schedule B - 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).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
SIB Loan S-2008-003-06	\$82,071	\$30,249	\$0	\$112,319
2001 Certificates of Obligation	\$1,120,000	\$58,800	\$1,000	\$1,179,800
2002 Certificates of Obligation	\$915,000	\$196,809	\$1,000	\$1,112,809
2004 Certificates of Obligation	\$2,130,000	\$554,513	\$1,000	\$2,685,513
2005 Refunding Bonds	\$2,705,000	\$2,530,000	\$1,000	\$5,236,000
2006 Certificates of Obligation	\$995,000	\$1,607,513	\$1,000	\$2,603,513
2006 Refunding Bonds	\$200,000	\$8,000	\$1,000	\$209,000
2007 Refunding Bonds	\$135,000	\$1,078,083	\$1,000	\$1,214,083
2009 Certificates of Obligation	\$980,000	\$1,015,494	\$1,000	\$1,996,494
2009A Refunding Bonds	\$1,310,000	\$98,100	\$1,000	\$1,409,100
2009B-C Certificates of Obligation	\$460,000	\$556,136	\$1,000	\$1,017,136
2010A-B Certificates of Obligation	\$895,000	\$1,494,233	\$1,000	\$2,390,233
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$21,165,997
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$1,050,000
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$20,115,997
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$20,115,997

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate

The HIDALGO COUNTY Auditor certifies that HIDALGO COUNTY has spent \$2,804,151 in the previous 12 months beginning January 1, 2009, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. HIDALGO COUNTY Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE, 2804 S. US HWY 281, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539.

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