

2015 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County

This notice concerns the 2015 property tax rates for El Paso County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax 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 start 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	\$149,460,463
Last year's debt taxes	\$20,569,931
Last year's total taxes	\$170,030,394
Last year's tax base	\$37,559,674,747
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.452694/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$169,614,828
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$37,329,801,872
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.454368/\$100

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 healthcare expenditures)	\$190,213,877
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$37,329,801,872
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.509550/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.550314/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.050875/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.601189/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.113595/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$0.487594/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If El Paso County adopts a 2015 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.454368 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2014 taxes by \$3,021,037.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balance

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
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	50,000,000
Debt Service (I&S)	1,168,195

Schedule B: General Fund - 2015 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
Certificate of Obligation, Series 2001	0	502,900	0	502,900
General Obligation Refunding, Series 2007	5,945,000	1,618,644	0	7,563,644
Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007	750,000	2,787,532	0	3,537,532
Taxable Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007	365,000	49,100	0	414,100
General Obligation Refunding, Series 2011	800,000	119,469	0	919,469
Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012	2,850,000	3,462,800	0	6,312,800
General Obligation Refunding, Series 2015	0	761,500	0	761,500
General Obligation Refunding Taxable, Series 2015A	280,000	252,803	0	532,803
Total required for 2015 debt service		\$20,544,748		
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A		\$1,168,195		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$0		
- Excess collections last year		\$0		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015		\$19,376,553		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2015		\$0		
= Total debt levy		\$19,376,553		

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$43,263,740 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - Criminal Justice Mandate

The El Paso County Auditor certifies that El Paso County has spent \$2,110,336 in the previous 12 months beginning September 1, 2014, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. El Paso 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: www.epcounty.com.

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