

Truth In Taxation

Texas Constitution

 Requires local taxing units to make taxpayers aware of tax rate proposals and to afford taxpayers the opportunity to limit tax increases

Tax Code Chapter 26

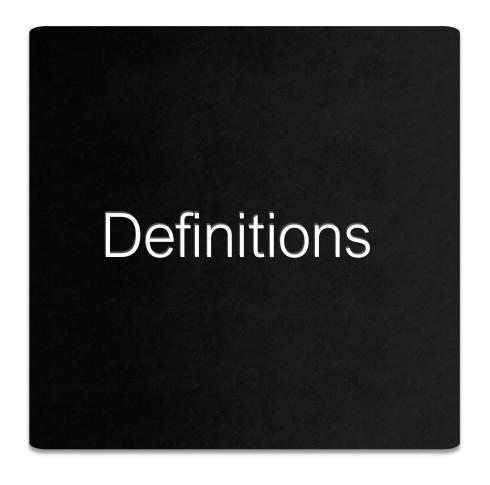
Defines calculation, notices and hearings

Defined Process

- Draft a budget
- Calculate the tax rate
- Publish notice
- Hold a public hearing
- Adopt a tax rate
- Hold election if necessary

SB2 Changes

- SB2 adopted during the 2019 legislative session
- First effective for tax year 2020
- Changed terminology, timelines, and notice requirements



No New Revenue Tax Rate (NNR)

• Formally the *effective tax rate*. The rate that effectively produces the same revenue as the prior tax year based on the new appraised value of the same base property.

Voter Approval Tax Rate (VAR)

• Formally the *rollback tax rate*. The maximum rate that can be adopted before triggering an automatic election for approval.

No New Revenue Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Rate

• The rate that produces the same revenue for maintenance and operations as prior tax year. This rate is can only increase up to 3.5% or an election is automatically triggered

Interest and Sinking (I & S) Rate

• The portion of the tax rate for debt service. This portion of the tax rate is based on the required debt service for the year and is not subject to the 3.5% limitation.

Unused Increment

• The increment between the adopted tax rate and the voter approval tax rate. This increment can be rolled for up to 3 tax years and applied to the voter approval tax rate total.

Tax Rate Calculation

STEP 1 STEP 2 STEP 3 STEP 4 STEP 5

Calculate *NNR* Rate \$0.616436

Calculate NNR M&O Rate \$0.410209

Multiply by 1.035 to calculate *VAR M&O* \$0.410209*1.035= \$0.424566

Add *I&S* rate to *VAR M&O* for VAR

\$0.424566 +\$0.219458= \$0.644024 Add unused increment to VAR

\$0.644024 +\$0.008479= \$0.652503 Proposed tax rate \$0.646264

VAR \$0.652503

Unused increment

\$0.652503 -\$0.646264= \$0.006239

Truth In Taxation Tax Year 2021

Unused Increment

Tax Year 2020 \$0.008479

Proposed Tax Year 2021 \$0.006239

Interest & Sinking (I&S) Rate

\$0.219458

This rate has remained the same since FY 2019

Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate

\$0.410209 NNR M&O

\$0.424566 Voter Approval M&O

Truth In Taxation Tax Year 2021

No New Revenue Rate

\$0.616436 per \$100 valuation

Voter Approval Rate

\$0.644024 per \$100 valuation as calculated

\$0.652503 per \$100 valuation including \$0.008479 unused increment from Tax Year 2020

Proposed Tax Rate

\$0.646264 per \$100 valuation

I&S \$0.219458 M&O \$0.426806

This rate is the same as the prior two fiscal years.