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2007 **Property Tax Rates in** Colorado County

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for Colorado 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.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 5,612,271	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 274,012	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 5,886,283	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,405,174,578	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.41890 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 5,940,184	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,501,655,579	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.39557 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.39557 /\$100		

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

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$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 health care expenditures)	\$ 6,561,835	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,501,655,579	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.43697 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.47192 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.01826 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.49018 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.49018 /\$100		

A county 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:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.05919 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.43099 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Colorado County adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.39557 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 82,145.

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
Maintenance & Operation	\$3,750,000
Interest & Sinking	\$387,000

Schedule B - 2007 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
Series 2004	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 52,158.76	\$ 750.00	\$ 282,908.76
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2007 debt service		\$ 282,909.00		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0.00		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0.00		
- Excess collections last year		\$ 3,111.00		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007		\$ 279,798.00		
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.0 % of its taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		
= Total Debt Levy		\$ 279,798.00		

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 907,055.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: 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 - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

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

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The spent \$ from to on the . The operates this function in all or a majority of the . [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The spent \$ from to 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 \$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County Central Appraisal District 106 Cardinal Lane Columbus, Texas.

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Pictured above are children having a good time playing basketball at the Old Skool Family and Friends Day which was held Saturday, August 4.

Old Skool Gives Away Two Bikes

The two Grand Prize winners of the Old Skool Organization's "Family and Friends Day" were Maia Clayton and Sharon Fogle both of Eagle Lake.

Both were winners of 10-speed Road Bikes. We thank all of our who participated and supported our events.

The Old Skool Organization also has a "Drawing for a 2 year Old Registered Colt" to be a drawn on December 23 so get your tickets NOW!!

Again we thank all for your continued support!!



Pictured above is one of the grand prize winners Maia Clayton with her new bike at the Old Skool Family and Friends day that was held Saturday, August 4.



Pictured above is the other grand prize winner Sharon Fogle with her new bike at the Old Skool Family and Friends Day that was held Saturday, August 4.

Drunk Driving Program Begins On August 17

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In 2005, nearly 13,000 people died in high-way crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

The picture for motorcycle operators is particularly bleak. Forty-one percent of the 1,878 motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2005 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

That is why law enforcement and highway agencies across the nation, from August 17 throughout the Labor Day Holiday will take part in the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. crack-down on impaired driving.

Make no mistake. Their message is simple. No matter what you drive-a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle-if they catch you driving impaired, they will arrest you. NO exceptions. NO excuses. Law enforcement will be out in force conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and using undercover officers to get more drunk drivers off the road-and

save lives that might otherwise be lost.

Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet we continue to see far too many people suffer debilitating injuries and loss of their loved ones as a result of impaired driving. This careless disregard for human life must stop.

Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant. Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses. Remember, if you are over the limit, you are under arrest.

The national Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

This year's effort is supported by \$11 million in paid-national advertising to help put everyone on notice that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested.

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