Trustee's Commission

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The commission of the county trustee for collecting property taxes is as follows:¹

- 6 percent on all sums up to $10,000;
- 4 percent on all sums above $10,000 and up to $20,000; and
- 2 percent on all sums above $20,000.

If the trustee collects taxes for a municipality, the county legislative body may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with such municipality for a trustee’s commission different from the one set out above.² The trustee receives a 1 percent commission on ad valorem taxes collected for watershed districts.³

¹T.C.A. § 8-11-110. Refer to T.C.A. § 67-5-1905 which notes that the trustee is entitled to a credit for his or her commissions and for all legal disbursements on settlement of his or her accounts with the county mayor.

²T.C.A. § 8-11-110(h).

³T.C.A. § 69-6-145.

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