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Dear County Official:

The following text and tables represent our 25th annual compilation of tax statistics for county governments in Tennessee. The information provided is the most current as of publication; however, certain changes will no doubt take place shortly due to the dynamic nature of county government.

Information on local litigation taxes is not included in our report. Most counties do levy this tax in varying amounts and for a myriad of purposes. Its ease of passage (simple resolution) has made it a popular source of much needed revenues.

It is our legislative mandate to provide county officials with information useful in the operation of their offices. In this respect, we hope you find this report beneficial in analyzing revenue sources available to county government. If CTAS can provide other information relating to this report, please contact us at your convenience.

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TENNESSEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES

As county populations and corresponding demands for service continue to increase, county officials continue to find themselves facing increased costs which must be funded from a tax base which is limited by having few alternatives for new revenue. The source of revenue most heavily depended upon by counties is, of course, the property tax. This tax is levied on all real and personal property based on its classification and subsequent assessed value as follows:

Residential and Farm Property:	Real - 25% of appraised value Personal - 5% of appraised value
Industrial & Commercial Property:	Real - 40% of appraised value Personal - 30% of appraised value
Public Utilities:	Both - 55% of appraised value

Several categories of real and personal property are exempt from property taxes. These categories are:

1. Governmental - This exemption applies to any property owned by the federal, state or local governments or any governmental agency if used exclusively for governmental purposes.
2. Government Securities - Bonds and notes of the state, counties, municipalities or housing authorities.
3. Exempt Entities - Property owned by religious, charitable, scientific or nonprofit educational institutions and used exclusively by and for such institutions.
4. Certain Educational Institutions - Dormitories, the residence of the chief executive officer of a college or university (subject to certain conditions), faculty housing provided by a college or university (subject to very strict restrictions) and college or university bookstores.
5. Growing Crops - All growing crops, poultry and livestock (except for meat processors).
6. Charter or Contract Property - All property protected by a valid charter or contract exemption is exempt (subject to statutory restrictions).

7. Low Cost Housing for Elderly and Handicapped - Property of a nonprofit corporation used for below-cost housing for the elderly or handicapped and financed by the U.S. government under specified sections of the U. S. Code if the nonprofit corporation is entitled to exemption from federal income taxation by virtue of being a charitable or social welfare organization.
8. Leased Tangible Personal Property - The Tennessee Constitution authorizes a property tax exemption for property representing inventory of a business held for sale or exchange. By statute, this exemption extends to any inventory which is subject to the business gross receipts tax. (NOTE: Property held for lease, if in the hands of the lessee, is taxable.)
9. Other:
 - a. airport runways,
 - b. industrial development corporations,
 - c. burial plots in use, monuments, and nonprofit cemeteries,
 - d. improvements to historic properties (restrictions apply),
 - e. foreign property to be exported,
 - f. property in transit,
 - g. property used to recycle waste products.
10. Tax Relief for Elderly, Disabled - For persons over 65 or who are totally and permanently disabled and who fit within an income limitation of \$10,550 for tax year 1996 and adjusted annually to reflect cost of living adjustments for social security recipients, the state provides payments for taxes due and payable on the first \$18,000 of full market value of the taxpayer's residence. Disabled veterans receive a credit from the state for the first \$140,000 worth of full market value of residence (no income limit).

In 1980, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation codified in part at T.C.A. §67-5-1605, which required the State Board of Equalization, effective January 1, 1981, to determine an annual overall median ratio of property appraisal to be used by the Comptroller of the Treasury in establishing assessments for public utilities in Tennessee. The established ratios for each county are then to be used in assessing individual utilities in their respective counties. The ratios established for the 2000 tax year were adopted by the State Board of Equalization in May, 2000. In Tennessee, there are currently 128 taxing districts, excluding municipal taxing entities.

Table II-A shows each tax district's effective tax rate for 2000-2001 versus 1999-2000. This rate is determined by multiplying the taxing district's tax rate by the appraisal ratio as determined by the State Board of Equalization, and produces a more realistic comparison of property tax rates than use of the taxing district's actual tax rate. This table

shows the effective rate to range from a low of \$1.24 in Carroll County to a high of \$4.26 in Morgan County.

Other than the 7 counties undergoing reappraisal programs in 2000, 3 counties decreased their tax rate, 28 increased their rates and 57 counties used reserves or other revenue in funding their budgets with the same tax rate as set for 1999-2000.

On the following pages you will find several tables which summarize the property tax rates set by counties for 2000-2001. Table I shows the total county tax rates with a breakdown into the various county funds and the special school district tax rates. Table II gives a listing of 2000-2001 tax rates for the 128 tax districts in Tennessee, showing present rate, prior year's rate, amount and percentage of increase or decrease. Table II-A gives a listing of 2000-2001 effective tax rates, with the appraisal ratios and prior year's effective rate.

It is our sincere hope that the reader finds these tables informative and useful. For any additional information regarding this matter, please contact the CTAS county government consultant for your area. For help in estimating what a penny on the tax rate would bring in, please see Appendix A at the end of this report.

TABLE I
DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX - FY2000 - 2001

COUNTY	CO. GEN.	OTHER	ROAD/	GEN.	OTHER	DEBT	S. WASTE	CO.	SSD	TOTAL
	FUND	GEN. FUND	BRIDGE FUND	PURPOSE SCHOOL	SCHOOL FUND	SERVICE FUND	REV. FUND	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE
ANDERSON										
Outside Clinton & Oak Ridge	0.97	-	-	1.94	-	0.41	-	3.32	-	3.32
Inside Clinton	0.97	-	-	1.94	-	0.40	-	3.31	-	3.31
Inside Oak Ridge	0.97	-	-	1.94	-	0.23	-	3.14	-	3.14
BEDFORD										
	1.12	-	0.08	1.78	-	0.03	-	3.01	-	3.01
BENTON										
	0.59	-	0.10	1.65	-	0.45	0.03	2.82	-	2.82
BLEDSOE										
	0.87	-	-	0.93	-	0.02	0.05	1.87	-	1.87
BLOUNT										
	0.815	-	-	1.025	-	0.52	-	2.36	-	2.36
BRADLEY										
	0.44937	0.02483	0.15222	0.95517	-	0.59841	-	2.18	-	2.18
CAMPBELL										
	0.64	0.05	0.08	1.07	-	0.14	0.36	2.34	-	2.34
CANNON										
	0.96	-	-	1.15	-	0.03	0.10	2.24	-	2.24
CARROLL										
Outside SSD's	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	-	1.10
Inside SSD's as follows:										
Bruceston-Hollow Rock	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	1.82	2.92
Huntingdon	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	1.63	2.73
McKenzie	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	1.55	2.65
South Carroll	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	1.39	2.49
West Carroll	0.58	-	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.07	0.09	1.10	1.74	2.84
CARTER										
	0.71	-	0.08	1.42	-	0.25	-	2.46	-	2.46
CHEATHAM										
	0.84	-	0.11	1.39	-	0.75	0.12	3.21	-	3.21
CHESTER										
	1.20	-	0.02	0.98	0.02	-	0.15	2.37	-	2.37
CLAIBORNE										
	0.65	-	0.01	1.64	-	0.06	0.24	2.60	-	2.60
CLAY										
	1.23	-	-	1.36	-	0.08	0.11	2.78	-	2.78
COCKE										
	1.015	-	0.09	0.70	0.245	0.35	-	2.40	-	2.40
COFFEE										
Outside Manchester/Tulahoma	0.82	0.29	-	1.41	0.09	0.42	0.26	3.29	-	3.29
Inside Manchester	0.82	-	-	1.41	0.09	0.17	-	2.49	-	2.49
Inside Tullahoma	0.82	-	-	1.41	-	0.17	-	2.40	-	2.40

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CROCKETT	1.23	-	-	0.83	0.12	0.09	-	2.27	-	2.27
CUMBERLAND	0.65	-	-	0.46	-	0.44	-	1.55	-	1.55
DAVIDSON										
General Services District	1.68	-	-	0.96	0.25	0.50	-	3.39	-	3.39
Urban Services District	0.74	-	-	-	-	0.11	-	0.85	-	0.85
DECATUR	0.69	-	-	0.84	-	0.12	-	1.65	-	1.65
DEKALB	0.34	-	-	0.90	-	0.08	0.18	1.50	-	1.50
DICKSON	1.09	-	0.17	1.03	-	0.52	-	2.81	-	2.81
DYER	0.531	-	0.328	1.103	0.260	0.208	-	2.43	-	2.43
FAYETTE	0.7268	-	0.1659	0.7023	-	0.2500	-	1.845	-	1.845
FENTRESS	1.23	0.10	-	0.54	-	0.06	0.31	2.24	-	2.24
FRANKLIN										
Outside Cities	0.97	0.12	0.02	1.21	0.16	0.10	0.25	2.83	-	2.83
Outside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	0.97	-	0.02	1.21	0.16	0.10	0.25	2.71	-	2.71
Inside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	0.97	-	0.02	1.21	0.16	0.10	-	2.46	-	2.46
GIBSON										
Inside SSD's below:										
Gibson County	0.65	-	0.13	-	-	0.01	-	0.79	1.42	2.21
Bradford	0.65	-	0.13	-	-	0.01	-	0.79	1.40	2.19
Kenton	0.65	-	0.13	-	-	0.01	-	0.79	1.47	2.26
Milan	0.65	-	0.13	-	-	0.01	-	0.79	1.51	2.30
Trenton	0.65	-	0.13	-	-	0.01	-	0.79	1.39	2.18
GILES	0.79	-	0.20	1.27	-	1.01	-	3.27	-	3.27
GRAINGER	0.73	-	0.09	0.90	-	0.03	0.20	1.95	-	1.95
GREENE										
Outside Greeneville	0.59	0.13	0.15	0.79	-	0.37	0.08	2.11	-	2.11
Inside Greeneville	0.59	0.13	0.15	0.79	-	0.07	0.08	1.81	-	1.81
GRUNDY	1.60	-	-	1.20	-	0.20	0.54	3.54	-	3.54

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HAMBLEN										
Outside Morristown	0.39	-	-	1.18	-	0.34	0.09	2.00	-	2.00
Inside Morristown	0.39	-	-	1.18	-	0.34	-	1.91	-	1.91
HAMILTON										
	1.696	-	0.017	1.806	-	-	-	3.519	-	3.519
HANCOCK										
	0.87	-	-	1.04	-	0.13	0.18	2.22	-	2.22
HARDEMAN										
	0.61	-	-	1.95	-	0.13	-	2.69	-	2.69
HARDIN										
	0.834	-	0.059	1.017	-	-	-	1.91	-	1.91
HAWKINS										
	0.85	-	0.22	1.33	0.21	0.39	-	3.00	-	3.00
HAYWOOD										
	0.79	-	0.15	1.17	-	0.14	-	2.25	-	2.25
HENDERSON										
	0.553	-	0.05	0.09	0.287	0.6	0.08	1.66	-	1.66
HENRY										
Outside Paris SSD	0.52	-	0.31	1.34	-	0.02	0.09	2.28	-	2.28
Inside Paris SSD	0.52	-	0.31	1.34	-	0.02	0.09	2.28	0.37	2.65
HICKMAN										
	0.78	-	0.06	1.22	-	0.49	-	2.55	-	2.55
HOUSTON										
	2.05	-	0.01	0.92	-	0.11	0.06	3.15	-	3.15
HUMPHREYS										
Outside Cities	0.59	0.13	0.10	0.94	-	0.36	0.20	2.32	-	2.32
Inside Cities	0.59	0.07	0.10	0.94	-	0.36	0.20	2.26	-	2.26
JACKSON										
	1.36	0.06	-	1.06	-	0.06	0.20	2.74	-	2.74
JEFFERSON										
	0.72	0.04	0.09	0.62	-	0.27	0.19	1.93	-	1.93
JOHNSON										
	0.82	0.14	-	1.63	-	0.32	0.09	3.00	-	3.00
KNOX										
Inside Fire District	1.311	0.433	-	1.433	0.050	0.311	0.052	3.59	-	3.59
Outside Fire District	1.311	0.163	-	1.433	0.050	0.311	0.052	3.32	-	3.32
LAKE										
	1.14	-	0.04	1.31	-	0.17	0.04	2.70	-	2.70
LAUDERDALE										
	0.93	-	0.25	1.12	-	0.25	-	2.55	-	2.55
LAWRENCE										
	0.97	0.135	0.25	0.96	-	0.31	-	2.625	-	2.625

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LEWIS	0.91	-	0.04	0.78	-	0.30	-	2.03	-	2.03
LINCOLN	0.69	-	0.13	1.36	-	0.35	-	2.53	-	2.53
LOUDON										
Outside Lenoir City	0.70	0.05	0.04	1.07	-	0.25	-	2.11	-	2.11
Inside Lenoir City	0.70	0.05	0.04	1.07	-	0.23	-	2.09	-	2.09
MACON	0.98	-	0.17	1.15	-	0.54	0.06	2.90	-	2.90
MADISON	0.79	0.24	0.14	0.72	-	0.57	-	2.46	-	2.46
MARION										
Outside Richard City SSD	0.67	-	-	0.94	-	0.42	-	2.03	-	2.03
Inside Richard City SSD	0.67	-	-	0.94	-	0.13	-	1.74	-	1.74
MARSHALL	0.73	-	0.09	2.12	-	0.20	-	3.14	-	3.14
MAURY	0.59	-	0.15	1.41	-	0.44	0.05	2.64	-	2.64
MCMINN	0.4054	0.1737	0.1500	0.7166	0.2515	0.2828	-	1.9800	-	1.9800
MCNAIRY	0.67	-	0.11	1.27	-	0.15	-	2.20	-	2.20
MEIGS	1.15	-	-	1.00	-	0.20	-	2.35	-	2.35
MONROE										
Outside Cities	0.74	-	0.05	1.11	-	0.15	0.21	2.26	-	2.26
Inside Cities	0.74	-	0.05	1.11	-	0.15	0.17	2.22	-	2.22
MONTGOMERY	0.84	-	0.17	0.93	-	1.36	-	3.30	-	3.30
MOORE										
General Services District	0.685	-	0.05	1.345	-	0.02	0.02	2.12	-	2.12
Urban Services District	0.685	0.07	0.05	1.345	-	0.02	0.02	2.19	-	2.19
MORGAN	1.4775	-	0.0375	1.6700	-	0.4875	0.5375	4.21	-	4.21
OBION										
Outside Union City	0.30	-	0.12	1.51	-	0.65	-	2.58	-	2.58
Inside Union City	0.30	-	0.12	1.51	-	0.07	-	2.00	-	2.00
OVERTON	1.22	-	0.06	0.70	-	-	0.06	2.04	-	2.04

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PERRY	1.06	-	-	1.10	-	0.34	0.28	2.78	-	2.78
PICKETT	1.15	-	-	0.83	-	0.22	0.33	2.53	-	2.53
POLK	1.31	-	-	1.07	-	0.20	-	2.58	-	2.58
PUTNAM	0.82	-	0.11	0.825	-	0.68	0.26	2.695	-	2.695
RHEA	1.01	-	-	0.57	0.25	0.27	-	2.10	-	2.10
ROANE										
Outside Harriman & Oak Ridge	0.610	0.08	0.110	1.240	-	0.51	0.08	2.63	-	2.63
Inside Harriman & Oak Ridge	0.610	0.08	0.110	1.240	-	0.070	-	2.11	-	2.11
Inside Kingston, Oliver Springs, Rockwood & Midtown	0.610	0.08	0.110	1.240	-	0.51	-	2.55	-	2.55
ROBERTSON	0.65	-	-	1.27	-	0.58	0.13	2.63	-	2.63
RUTHERFORD	0.57	-	-	1.46	-	0.72	0.03	2.78	-	2.78
SCOTT										
Outside Oneida SSD	0.79	-	-	1.62	-	0.99	-	3.40	-	3.40
Inside Oneida SSD	0.79	-	-	1.62	-	0.30	-	2.71	1.07	3.78
SEQUATCHIE	0.80	-	-	1.32	-	0.24	0.18	2.54	-	2.54
SEVIER	0.47	0.03	0.20	0.70	-	0.10	-	1.50	-	1.50
SHELBY	1.31	-	-	1.69	-	0.54	-	3.54	-	3.54
SMITH	0.56	-	0.02	0.90	0.23	0.18	-	1.89	-	1.89
STEWART	1.15	0.01	0.06	0.20	-	1.07	-	2.49	-	2.49
SULLIVAN	0.68	0.05	-	1.77	0.07	-	0.06	2.63	-	2.63
SUMNER	0.42	-	0.01	1.48	-	0.63	-	2.54	-	2.54
TIPTON	0.70	-	0.21	1.10	-	0.85	0.06	2.92	-	2.92
TROUSDALE	1.35	-	-	0.98	-	0.55	0.20	3.08	-	3.08
UNICOI	1.09	-	0.04	1.18	-	0.41	-	2.72	-	2.72

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UNION	0.69	-	0.04	1.27	-	0.30	-	2.30	-	2.30
VAN BUREN	1.02	0.25	-	0.78	-	0.12	0.02	2.19	-	2.19
WARREN	0.9075	-	0.0850	0.9500	-	0.2800	0.0775	2.30	-	2.30
WASHINGTON	0.66	-	0.16	0.76	-	0.31	0.04	1.93	-	1.93
WAYNE	0.72	-	0.02	1.15	-	0.39	0.29	2.57	-	2.57
WEAKLEY	0.56	-	0.33	0.88	-	0.66	0.01	2.44	-	2.44
WHITE	0.96	-	-	1.11	-	-	-	2.07	-	2.07
WILLIAMSON										
Outside Units Below	0.70	-	0.05	1.30	-	0.82	0.09	2.96	-	2.96
9th Dist Outside Franklin	0.70	-	0.05	1.30	-	0.55	0.09	2.69	1.00	3.69
5th & 9th Inside Franklin	0.70	-	-	1.30	-	0.55	-	2.55	1.00	3.55
Inside Brentwood, Fairview, Spring Hill and Thompson Station	0.70	-	-	1.30	-	0.82	0.09	2.91	-	2.91
Inside Franklin/No FSSD	0.70	-	-	1.30	-	0.82	-	2.82	-	2.82
WILSON	0.87	-	0.24	1.19	-	0.35	0.17	2.82	-	2.82

TABLE II
COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
TENNESSEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES

COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
ANDERSON				
1 Outside Clinton & Oak Ridge	3.32	3.15	0.17	0.05%
2 Inside Clinton	3.31	3.14	0.17	0.05%
3 Inside Oak Ridge	3.14	2.97	0.17	0.06%
4 BEDFORD	3.01	3.01	-	-
5 BENTON	2.82	2.82	-	-
6 BLEDSOE	1.87	1.63	0.24	0.15%
7 BLOUNT	2.36	2.36	-	-
8 BRADLEY	2.18	2.18	-	-
9 CAMPBELL	2.34	2.34	-	-
10 CANNON	2.24	2.24	-	-
CARROLL				
11 Outside SSD's	1.10	1.24	-0.14	-0.11%
Inside SSD's as follows:				
12 Bruceton-Hollow Rock	2.92	3.27	-0.35	-0.11%
13 Huntingdon	2.73	3.06	-0.33	-0.11%
14 McKenzie	2.65	3.02	-0.37	-0.12%
15 South Carroll	2.49	2.75	-0.26	-0.09%
16 West Carroll	2.84	3.16	-0.32	-0.10%
17 CARTER	2.46	2.46	-	-
18 CHEATHAM	3.21	2.95	0.26	0.09%
19 CHESTER	2.37	2.37	-	-
20 CLAIBORNE	2.60	2.60	-	-
21 CLAY	2.78	3.39	*	*
22 COCKE	2.40	3.10	*	*

TABLE II
COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
TENNESSEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES

COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
COFFEE				
23 Outside Manchester & Tullahoma	2.97	3.29	-0.32	-0.10%
24 Inside Manchester	2.43	2.49	-0.06	-0.02%
25 Inside Tullahoma	2.37	2.40	-0.03	-0.01%
26 CROCKETT	2.27	2.23	0.04	0.02%
27 CUMBERLAND	1.55	1.55	-	-
DAVIDSON				
28 General Services District	3.39	3.39	-	-
29 Urban Services District	0.85	N/A	-	-
30 DECATUR	1.65	1.65	-	-
31 DEKALB	1.50	1.50	-	-
32 DICKSON	2.81	2.45	0.36	0.15%
33 DYER	2.43	2.40	0.03	0.01%
34 FAYETTE	1.845	2.19	-0.35	-0.16%
35 FENTRESS	2.24	2.24	-	-
FRANKLIN				
36 Outside Cities	2.86	2.83	0.03	0.01%
37 Outside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	2.74	2.71	0.03	0.01%
38 Inside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	2.46	2.46	-	-
GIBSON				
Inside SSD's below:				
39 Gibson County	2.21	2.21	-	-
40 Bradford	2.19	2.19	-	-
41 Kenton	2.26	2.26	-	-
42 Milan	2.30	2.30	-	-
43 Trenton	2.18	2.18	-	-
44 GILES	3.27	2.92	0.35	0.12%

TABLE II
COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
TENNESSEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES

COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
45 GRAINGER	1.95	1.90	0.05	0.03%
GREENE				
46 Outside Greeneville	2.11	2.11	-	-
47 Inside Greeneville	1.81	1.81	-	-
48 GRUNDY	3.54	3.54	-	-
HAMBLEN				
49 Outside Morristown	2.00	2.54	*	*
50 Inside Morristown	1.91	2.42	*	*
51 HAMILTON	3.519	3.519	-	-
52 HANCOCK	2.22	2.22	-	-
53 HARDEMAN	2.69	2.69	-	-
54 HARDIN	1.91	1.91	-	-
55 HAWKINS	3.00	3.00	-	-
56 HAYWOOD	2.25	2.15	0.10	0.05%
57 HENDERSON	1.66	1.61	0.05	0.03%
HENRY				
58 Outside Paris SSD	2.28	2.23	0.05	0.02%
59 Inside Paris SSD	2.65	2.60	0.05	0.02%
60 HICKMAN	2.55	2.55	-	-
61 HOUSTON	3.15	3.15	-	-
HUMPHREYS				
65 Outside Cities	2.32	2.29	0.03	0.01%
63 Inside Cities	2.26	2.26	-	-
64 JACKSON	2.74	2.34	0.40	0.17%
65 JEFFERSON	1.93	2.42	*	*
66 JOHNSON	3.00	3.00	-	-

TABLE II
COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
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COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
KNOX				
67 Inside Fire District	3.59	N/A	N/A	N/A
68 Outside Fire District	3.32	3.32	-	-
69 LAKE				
70 LAUDERDALE	2.55	2.55	-	-
71 LAWRENCE				
72 LEWIS	2.03	2.03	-	-
73 LINCOLN				
74 Outside Lenoir City	2.11	2.11	-	-
75 Inside Lenoir City	2.09	2.09	-	-
76 MACON				
77 MADISON	2.90	2.78	0.12	0.04%
MARION				
78 Outside Richard City SSD	2.46	2.46	-	-
79 Inside Richard City SSD	2.03	1.98	0.05	0.03%
80 MARSHALL	1.74	-	-	-
81 MAURY				
82 MCMINN	3.14	3.14	-	-
83 MCNAIRY	2.64	2.52	0.12	0.05%
84 MEIGS				
85 Outside Cities	1.9800	1.9800	-	-
86 Inside Cities	2.20	2.20	-	-
87 MONTGOMERY				
88 General Services District	2.35	2.35	-	-
MOORE				
89 Urban Services District	2.26	2.26	-	-
	2.22	2.22	-	-
	3.30	3.30	-	-
	2.12	2.81	*	*
	2.19	2.91	*	*

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COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
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COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
90 MORGAN	4.21	4.21	-	-
OBION				
91 Outside Union City	2.58	2.58	-	-
92 Inside Union City	2.00	1.89	0.11	0.06%
93 OVERTON	2.04	1.89	0.15	0.08%
94 PERRY	2.78	2.68	0.10	0.04%
95 PICKETT	2.53	2.53	-	-
96 POLK	2.58	2.58	-	-
97 PUTNAM	2.695	2.55	0.15	0.06%
98 RHEA	2.10	2.10	-	-
ROANE				
99 Outside Harriman & Oak Ridge	2.63	2.75	*	*
100 Inside Harriman & Oak Ridge	2.11	2.32	*	*
101 Inside Kingston, Oliver Springs, Rockwood & Midtown	2.55	2.66	*	*
102 ROBERTSON	2.63	2.63	-	-
103 RUTHERFORD	2.78	2.78	-	-
SCOTT				
104 Outside Oneida SSD	3.40	3.40	-	-
105 Inside Oneida SSD	3.78	3.78	-	-
106 SEQUATCHIE	2.54	2.42	0.12	0.05%
107 SEVIER	1.50	1.40	0.10	0.07%
108 SHELBY	3.54	3.54	-	-
109 SMITH*	1.89	1.74	0.15	0.09%

TABLE II
COMPARISON: 2001 vs. 2000
TENNESSEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATES

COUNTY	2001 RATE	2000 RATE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
110 STEWART	2.49	2.49	-	-
111 SUMNER	2.54	2.54	-	-
112 SULLIVAN	2.63	2.58	0.05	0.02%
113 TIPTON	2.92	2.92	-	-
114 TROUSDALE	3.08	3.08	-	-
115 UNICOI	2.72	2.72	-	-
116 UNION	2.30	2.30	-	-
117 VAN BUREN	2.19	2.81	-0.62	-0.22%
118 WARREN	2.30	2.11	0.19	0.09%
119 WASHINGTON	1.93	1.93	-	-
120 WAYNE	2.57	2.57	-	-
121 WEAKLEY	2.44	2.44	-	-
122 WHITE	2.07	1.95	0.12	0.06%
WILLIAMSON				
123 Outside Units Below	2.96	2.96	-	-
124 9th Dist Outside Franklin	3.69	3.64	0.05	0.01%
125 5th & 9th Inside Franklin	3.55	3.50	0.05	0.01%
126 Inside Brentwood, Fairview, Spring Hill and Thompson Station	2.91	2.91	-	-
127 Inside Franklin/No FSSD	2.82	2.82	-	-
128 WILSON	2.82	2.82	*	*

* Clay, Cocke, Hamblen, Jefferson, Moore, Roane and Smith Counties participated in a reappraisal program in 2000. The 2001 tax rate is a result of the program, and, thus, cannot be compared on a percentage basis with 1999-2000.

**TABLE II-A
COMPARISON: 2000 vs 2001
EFFECTIVE TAX RATES**

COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
ANDERSON				
1 Outside Clinton & Oak Ridge	3.32	0.9453	3.14	3.15
2 Inside Clinton	3.31	0.9453	3.13	3.14
3 Inside Oak Ridge	3.14	0.9453	2.97	2.97
4 BEDFORD				
	3.01	0.7778	2.34	2.71
5 BENTON				
	2.82	1.0000	2.82	2.82
6 BLEDSOE				
	1.87	1.0000	1.87	1.63
7 BLOUNT				
	2.36	0.9299	2.19	2.36
8 BRADLEY				
	2.18	1.0000	2.1800	2.1800
9 CAMPBELL				
	2.34	1.0000	2.34	2.34
10 CANNON				
	2.24	0.8031	1.80	2.24
CARROLL				
11 Outside SSD's	1.10	1.0000	1.10	1.11
Inside SSD's as follows:				
12 Bruceton-Hollow Rock	2.92	1.0000	2.92	2.93
13 Huntingdon	2.73	1.0000	2.73	2.75
14 McKenzie	2.65	1.0000	2.65	2.71
15 South Carroll	2.49	1.0000	2.49	2.47
16 West Carroll	2.84	1.0000	2.84	2.84
17 CARTER				
	2.46	0.8135	2.00	2.46
18 CHEATHAM				
	3.21	0.8951	2.87	2.95
19 CHESTER				
	2.37	0.8997	2.13	2.37
20 CLAIBORNE				
	2.60	0.9114	2.37	2.37
21 CLAY				
	2.78	1.0000	2.78	3.93
22 COCKE				
	2.40	1.0000	2.40	3.10

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COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
COFFEE				
23 Outside Manchester & Tullahoma	3.29	0.9030	2.97	2.97
24 Inside Manchester	2.49	0.9030	2.25	2.43
25 Inside Tullahoma	2.40	0.9030	2.17	2.37
26 CROCKETT	2.27	0.9605	2.18	2.23
27 CUMBERLAND	1.55	0.9095	1.41	1.41
DAVIDSON				
28 General Services District	3.39	0.9098	3.08	3.08
29 Urban Services District	0.85	0.9098	0.77	N/A
30 DECATUR	1.65	0.9520	1.57	1.57
31 DEKALB	1.50	1.0000	1.50	1.50
32 DICKSON	2.81	0.8652	2.43	2.45
33 DYER	2.43	1.0000	2.43	2.40
34 FAYETTE	1.845	1.0000	1.845	1.95
35 FENTRESS	2.24	0.8333	1.87	2.24
FRANKLIN				
36 Outside Cities	2.83	0.9000	2.55	2.57
37 Outside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	2.71	0.9000	2.44	2.47
38 Inside Tullahoma, Winchester & Sewanee	2.46	0.9000	2.21	2.21
GIBSON				
Inside SSD's below:				
39 Gibson County	2.21	1.0000	2.21	2.21
40 Bradford	2.19	1.0000	2.19	2.19
41 Kenton	2.26	1.0000	2.26	2.26
42 Milan	2.30	1.0000	2.30	2.30
43 Trenton	2.18	1.0000	2.18	2.18

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COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
44 GILES	3.27	1.0000	3.27	2.92
45 GRAINGER	1.95	1.0000	1.95	1.90
GREENE				
46 Outside Greeneville	2.11	0.8681	1.83	2.11
47 Inside Greeneville	1.81	0.8681	1.57	1.81
48 GRUNDY	3.54	1.0000	3.54	3.54
HAMBLEN				
49 Outside Morristown	2.00	1.0000	2.00	2.02
50 Inside Morristown	1.91	1.0000	1.91	1.92
51 HAMILTON	3.519	0.8846	3.113	3.1129
52 HANCOCK	2.22	0.9093	2.02	2.02
53 HARDEMAN	2.69	0.8024	2.16	2.36
54 HARDIN	1.91	0.8529	1.63	2.09
55 HAWKINS	3.00	0.8270	2.48	2.74
56 HAYWOOD	2.25	0.9281	2.09	2.37
57 HENDERSON	1.66	1.0000	1.66	1.61
HENRY				
58 Outside Paris SSD	2.28	1.0000	2.28	2.23
59 Inside Paris SSD	2.65	1.0000	2.65	2.30
60 HICKMAN	2.55	1.0000	2.55	2.55
61 HOUSTON	3.15	0.9764	3.08	3.08
HUMPHREYS				
62 Outside Cities	2.32	1.0000	2.32	2.29
63 Inside Cities	2.26	1.0000	2.26	2.26
64 JACKSON	2.74	1.0000	2.74	2.34
65 JEFFERSON	1.93	1.0000	1.93	2.15

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COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
66 JOHNSON	3.00	0.8250	2.48	3.00
KNOX				
67 Inside Fire District	3.59	0.9315	3.34	N/A
68 Outside Fire District	3.32	0.9315	3.09	3.09
69 LAKE	2.70	0.9162	2.47	2.70
70 LAUDERDALE	2.55	0.8426	2.15	2.35
71 LAWRENCE	2.625	0.9758	2.56	2.63
72 LEWIS	2.03	0.9571	1.94	1.89
73 LINCOLN	2.53	0.7836	1.98	2.39
LOUDON				
74 Outside Lenoir City	2.11	0.9412	1.99	1.99
75 Inside Lenoir City	2.09	0.9412	1.97	1.97
76 MACON	2.90	0.8692	2.52	2.64
77 MADISON	2.46	1.0000	2.46	2.46
MARION				
78 Outside Richard City SSD	2.03	0.8679	1.76	2.03
79 Inside Richard City SSD	1.74	0.8679	1.51	1.74
80 MARSHALL	3.14	0.9456	2.97	2.97
81 MAURY	2.64	0.9163	2.42	2.52
82 MCMINN	1.9800	0.9000	1.7820	1.9800
83 MCNAIRY	2.20	1.0000	2.20	2.20
84 MEIGS	2.35	0.8254	1.94	2.35
MONROE				
85 Outside Cities	2.26	0.9361	2.12	2.12
86 Inside Cities	2.22	0.9361	2.08	2.08
87 MONTGOMERY	3.30	0.9347	3.08	3.17

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COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
MOORE				
88 General Services District	2.12	1.0000	2.12	2.30
89 Urban Services District	2.19	1.0000	2.19	2.38
90 MORGAN	4.21	0.7844	3.30	4.21
OBION				
91 Outside Union City	2.58	0.9191	2.37	2.37
92 Inside Union City	2.00	0.9191	1.84	1.74
93 OVERTON	2.04	0.9154	1.87	1.89
94 PERRY	2.78	0.9457	2.63	2.55
95 PICKETT	2.53	1.0000	2.53	2.53
96 POLK	2.58	0.8500	2.19	2.58
97 PUTNAM	2.695	0.8389	2.26	2.28
98 RHEA	2.10	1.0000	2.10	2.10
ROANE				
99 Outside Harriman & Oak Ridge	2.63	1.0000	2.63	2.55
100 Inside Harriman & Oak Ridge	2.11	1.0000	2.11	2.15
101 Inside Kingston, Oliver Springs, Rockwood & Midtown	2.55	1.0000	2.55	2.47
102 ROBERTSON	2.63	0.9375	2.47	2.47
103 RUTHERFORD	2.78	0.9264	2.58	2.78
SCOTT				
104 Outside Oneida SSD	3.40	0.9149	3.11	3.11
105 Inside Oneida SSD	3.78	0.9149	3.46	3.46
106 SEQUATCHIE	2.54	1.0000	2.54	2.42
107 SEVIER	1.50	0.8300	1.25	1.23
108 SHELBY	3.54	0.9257	3.28	3.54
109 SMITH	1.89	1.0000	1.89	1.45

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COUNTY	2001 RATE	APPRAISAL RATIO*	2001 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	2000 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
110 STEWART	2.49	0.9527	2.37	2.49
111 SULLIVAN	2.63	0.9119	2.40	2.35
112 SUMNER	2.54	0.9209	2.34	2.54
113 TIPTON	2.92	1.0000	2.92	2.92
114 TROUSDALE	3.08	0.8500	2.62	3.08
115 UNICOI	2.72	0.9037	2.46	2.46
116 UNION	2.30	0.8958	2.06	2.06
117 VAN BUREN	2.19	1.0000	2.19	2.40
118 WARREN	2.30	0.9564	2.20	2.11
119 WASHINGTON	1.93	1.0000	1.93	1.93
120 WAYNE	2.57	0.9333	2.40	2.57
121 WEAKLEY	2.44	0.9221	2.25	2.25
122 WHITE	2.07	0.9032	1.87	1.95
WILLIAMSON				
123 Outside Units Below	2.96	0.8545	2.53	2.65
124 9th Dist Outside Franklin	3.69	0.8545	3.15	3.26
125 5th & 9th Inside Franklin	3.55	0.8545	3.03	3.13
126 Inside Brentwood, Fairview, Spring Hill and Thompson Station	2.91	0.8545	2.49	2.30
127 Inside Franklin/No FSSD	2.82	0.8545	2.41	0.20
128 WILSON	2.82	1.0000	2.82	2.82

*APPRAISAL RATIO: Average level of appraisal for assessed property as adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

COUNTYWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
LEVIED IN COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE

Counties in Tennessee are authorized to levy a privilege tax on operating motor vehicles as a means of generating additional local revenue. Such a tax is generally known as a "motor vehicle privilege tax" or "wheel tax".

Forty-eight counties in Tennessee currently levy a wheel tax on motor driven vehicles within their respective boundaries. The tax ranges from \$10.00 to \$70.00 per vehicle with the majority levying a tax from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per vehicle.

The authority for counties to levy the motor vehicle tax is provided in T.C.A. §5-8-102, which allows for three methods by which a county may adopt this tax:

1. Passage of a Private Act in the Tennessee General Assembly with subsequent local ratification by a two-thirds vote of the governing body or public referendum.
2. Passage of a resolution by the local governing body by a simple majority vote at a single meeting and a public referendum. (Attorney General Opinion 90-85, dated September 17, 1990)
3. Passage of a resolution by the local governing body by a two-thirds majority vote at two consecutive regular commission meetings. This method does not require a public referendum unless a petition of voters is filed.

Each of the three methods described above has been utilized by individual counties in enacting their respective wheel tax. Each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. Methods (2) and (3) may be initiated at any time during the year, while method (1) can be adopted only when the General Assembly is in session. Methods (1) and (3) allow enactment of this tax without a public referendum (although 10% of the county's voters may call for a referendum under method 3); however, the two-thirds majority vote requirement under each method may be difficult to meet.

In counties levying a motor vehicle privilege (wheel) tax, the duration or term for which the privilege is issued, method of collection, proration of the amount chargeable for a period of either more or less than a calendar year interval, and the grace period allowable shall be the same as that provided for in T.C.A. §55-4-104 for payment of state motor vehicle registration fees. In each county levying a motor vehicle privilege tax, the County Commission shall determine by resolution whether a resident operating a motor vehicle in the county shall have a decal or emblem affixed upon the motor vehicle as evidence of

compliance. Any person failing to display a required decal or emblem shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Local officials should consider these and other factors in deciding which method best suits the circumstances in their county before enactment procedures are initiated.

Since the tax is levied on resident motorists within the county for the privilege of operating a motor vehicle within the county, one might anticipate that revenues realized from this tax would be allocated to the county road fund for the building, repairing and general operation of the county road department. However, only twenty-one (21) counties have elected to allocate all or part of the proceeds of this tax to the county highway fund, while the remaining twenty-seven (27) counties allocate the proceeds from the tax for various uses such as debt retirement, education and ambulance service. Table III lists the counties in Tennessee which have levied a privilege tax on motor driven vehicles, the amount levied, the authority provided and a brief explanation of how the proceeds from this tax are spent. It should be noted that the language in some county resolutions provides for varying rates of tax depending on the vehicle affected, i.e., automobile, motorcycle, etc. For simplicity, the table only presents the rate adopted for passenger cars and trucks. Further information regarding the wheel tax can be found in the County Revenue Manual, published by CTAS.

The figures in Table IV represent passenger cars registered in each Tennessee county as reported by the Motor Vehicle Division, Tennessee Department of Safety. To estimate how much revenue could be realized in your county with passage of a countywide motor vehicle tax, simply multiply the number of vehicle registrations by the desired privilege tax. Conversely, to determine what amount of tax would be required to bring in X amount of dollars, simply divide the dollar amount by the vehicle registrations in your county.

It should be noted that CTAS does not advocate passage of such a tax in each county; however, we do feel that responsible county officials should be made aware of alternatives for raising needed revenues that other counties have utilized. In this regard, CTAS is ready to assist any county requesting further information on this subject.

**TABLE III
2000 COMPILATION OF
COUNTYWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATES**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
CAMPBELL	\$35.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds are to be used for education purposes.	Misdemeanor \$35.00
CANNON	\$10.00	Chapter 62, Private Acts 1975	Proceeds of the tax are deposited in the County General Fund and used for the county's school building or expansion programs.	\$15.00 - 50.00
CARROLL	\$20.00	Chapter 264, Private Acts 1976	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$10.00 to the Highway Fund; \$10.00 to fund share of Corps of Engineers' lake construction project.	Up to \$50.00
CHEATHAM	\$50.00	Chapter 209, Private Acts 1972 Chapter 39, Private Acts 1977, Chapter 1, Private Acts 1987	Proceeds of the tax are to be placed in the Highway Fund to be used solely for road surfacing materials.	Misdemeanor
CHESTER	\$15.00	Chapter 234, Private Acts 1972 Chapter 121, Private Acts 1975, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$10.00 is not specifically allocated for any purpose in the private act. However, it is apparent the legislative intent of this act was to provide support for a county ambulance service. \$5.00 is deposited in the County General Fund.	\$20.00 - 50.00
CROCKETT	\$70.00	Chapter 203, Private Acts 1963 Chapter 56, Private Acts 1975, Chapter 6, Private Acts 1979, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$32.00 for County Road Fund; \$7.50 for school transportation; \$5.00 for General School Fund; \$25.50 for Debt Service Fund.	Misdemeanor
DAVIDSON	\$35.00	Initial \$15.00 fee increased to \$25.00 by Metro Council ordinance, 1980. Increased to \$35.00 by ordinance passed by Metro Council in 1991	Proceeds for the regulatory fee are deposited in the County General Fund and used to defray expenses in several categories.	\$5.00 - 50.00
DICKSON	\$30.00	Chapter 206, Private Acts 1976 Chapter 305, Private Acts 1987, and by referendum of November 1987	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$10.00 to the Highway Fund for road maintenance and \$20.00 is to be used for retirement of school debt.	\$25.00 - 50.00

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2000 COMPILATION OF
COUNTYWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATES**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
DYER	\$40.00	Chapter 28, Private Acts 1963 Chapter 120, Private Acts 1969, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are used exclusively for educational purposes and divided as follows: 85% for education and allocated among the school systems of the county on the basis of the average daily attendance for the current school year; 15% allocated to the County Board of Education and used for transportation	\$5.00 - 50.00
FAYETTE	\$50.00	Chapter 7, Private Acts 1963 Chapter 287, Private Acts 1972 Chapter 116, Private Acts 2000	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: First \$25.00: 20% deposited to the County General Fund; 80% deposited to Road and Bridge Fund. Second \$25.00 to Debt Service Fund for school construction debt.	\$50.00 - \$100.00 or up to 6 months imprisonment
FENTRESS	\$25.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are to be used for school purposes.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
GIBSON	\$25.00	Chapter 1, Private Acts 1975 and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$5.00 is deposited in the Debt Service Fund; and \$20.00 is to be deposited in the County Road Fund.	\$10.00 - 50.00
GREENE	\$20.00	Chapter 251, Private Acts 1976 Referendum, 1978 Private Acts, Chapter 189; Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102 as amended by Chapter 175, Private Acts 1996.	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$10.00 is deposited in the County General Debt Service Fund; and \$10.00 is to be deposited in the County General Fund.	\$50.00 - 100.00
HAMBLEN	\$27.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$23.00 - County General Fund \$4.00 - General Purpose School Fund	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HANCOCK	\$20.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: 50% is to be used for ambulance service; and 50% for the purchase of school bonds.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HARDEMAN	\$30.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are to be used for highway purposes.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HARDIN	\$11.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: 50% to the Highway Fund; and 50% to the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00

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2000 COMPILATION OF
COUNTYWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATES**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
HAWKINS	\$27.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$20.00: one-third for rural debt service; one-third for countywide debt service; one-third for general purposes. \$7.00: 65% for teacher salary increases; 35% for purchase of school buses.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HAYWOOD	\$30.50	Chapter 324, Private Acts 1961 and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: two-thirds to the General Purpose School Fund; and one-third to the County Road Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HENDERSON	\$20.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds from the tax are deposited with the Trustee.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
HENRY	\$33.50	Chapter 134, Private Acts 1983, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$15.00 to County General Fund; \$18.50 to Debt Service Fund.	\$25.00 - 50.00
HICKMAN	\$30.50	Chapter 2, Private Acts 1975 and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102 Chapter 134, Private Acts 1983 and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$15.00 to School Debt; \$15.50 to Debt Service Fund.	\$25.00 - 50.00
HOUSTON	\$45.00	Chapter 211, Private Acts 1976 Chapter 2, Private Acts 1977, Chapter 304, Private Acts 1978 Chapter 78, Private Acts 2000	Proceeds of the tax are to be used exclusively to retire county bonds.	\$10.00 - 50.00
JACKSON	\$15.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are to be used exclusively for renovation and repair of school buildings.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
JEFFERSON	\$25.00	Chapter 49, Private Acts 1983	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the Debt Service Fund and used to retire principal and interest on school bonds.	\$10.00 - 50.00
JOHNSON	\$20.00	Chapter 68, Private Acts 1983	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: three-fourths for retirement of principal and interest on school construction bonds; and one-fourth to the County Road Department.	\$10.00 - 50.00 Up to one year imprisonment

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COUNTYWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATES**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
LAKE	\$32.00	Chapter 44, Private Acts 1961, Chapter 184, Private Acts 1969, Chapter 47, Private Acts 1971, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$5.00 for salaries for teachers, principals, superintendents and other employees of the County Board of Education; \$10.00 to the County General Fund for ambulance service; \$9.00 to the County General Fund; \$6.00 for general school operations; and \$2.00 for solid waste fund.	None
LAUDERDALE	\$55.00	Chapter 2, Private Acts 1969 Chapter 124, Private Acts 1979, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$40.00 for County General Fund; \$5.00 for Highway Fund; and \$10.00 for School Fund.	\$5.00 - 50.00
LAWRENCE	\$25.00	Chapter 178, Private Acts 1984	Proceeds of the tax are to be used for the retirement of school bonds.	\$25.00 - 50.00
LEWIS	\$20.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
LINCOLN	\$25.00	Chapter 79, Private Acts 1979	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: 50% for the retirement of outstanding school bonds; and 50% for repair of roads and bridges as directed by the County Commission, or at their direction, for the retirement of debts incurred for maintenance and repair of county roads.	\$25.00 - 50.00
MACON	\$30.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are deposited in the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
MARSHALL	\$50.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$17.50 for school debt; and \$7.50 for county road purposes.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
MAURY	\$25.00	Chapter 119, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: 50% to debt service for jail improvements; after improvements to General Fund for jail operations; 50% to debt service for road paving projects.	None
MCNAIRY	\$20.00	Chapter 221, Private Acts 1992	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the Debt Service Fund for retirement of justice center indebtedness.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
MONROE	\$25.00	Chapter 93, Private Acts 1993	Proceeds of the tax are for the construction and renovation of schools and for school bond retirement.	Misdemeanor
MONTGOMERY	\$30.00	Chapter 283, Private Acts 1967 Chapter 346, Private Acts 1968, Chapter 290, Private Acts 1982, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are deposited in the General Purpose School Fund and used exclusively for educational purposes.	Misdemeanor
OBION	\$30.00	Chapter 137, Private Acts 1977 and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: one-third to the Highway Fund; one- third for educational purposes; and one- third to the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor
OVERTON	\$30.00	Chapter 119, Private Acts 1973	Proceeds of the tax are deposited in the General Fund of the county and used for the county's school building or expansion program.	\$25.00 - 50.00
ROBERTSON	\$35.00	Chapter 265, Private Acts 1947, Chapter 92, Private Acts 1971, Chapter 145, Private Acts 1971, Chapter 71, Private Acts 1979	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$5.00 for the purchase of rock and gravel to be used on county rural roads, but no part shall be used for machinery or labor on these roads; \$20.00 is deposited in the County Debt Service Fund for retirement of county bonds; and \$10.00 to the County Highway Fund.	\$10.00 - 50.00
RUTHERFORD	\$40.00	Chapter 329, Private Acts 1970 Chapter 168, Private Acts 1975, Chapter 285, Private Acts 1980, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: two-thirds to the Road and Bridge Fund; and one-third to the County Debt Service Fund.	\$20.00 - 50.00
SHELBY	\$25.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are to be used for debt service purposes.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	HOW SPENT	FINES
SUMNER	\$50.00	Chapter 22, Private Acts 1965 Chapter 199, Private Acts 1974, Chapter 65, Private Acts 1975, Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102, and by countywide referendum.	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$15.00 for highways and \$35.00 for schools.	\$10.00 - 50.00
TIPTON	\$30.00	Chapter 360, Private Acts 1959 Chapter 29, Private Acts 1961, and Commission Resolution as authorize by T.C.A. 5-8-102, and Private Acts 1992	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: one-half to County General Fund; one-half to Highway Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
WARREN	\$30.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the Debt Service Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
WAYNE	\$10.00	Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102, 1983; and Chapter 198, Private Acts 1984	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
WEAKLEY	\$20.00	Referendum, May 1, 1979; and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are divided as follows: \$15.00 to the County Road Fund; and \$5.00 to the County General Fund.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
WILLIAMSON	\$25.00	Chapter 208, Private Acts 1970 Chapter 188, Private Acts 1971, and Commission Resolution as authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are deposited to the County General Fund; however, the County Commission is empowered to appropriate any part or all of the anticipated revenue for the use of the County Highway Department.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00
WILSON	\$25.00	Referendum, October 8, 1987 and Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 5-8-102	Proceeds of the tax are to be used for schools, civil defense (fire protection) and sheriff's department.	Misdemeanor Up to \$50.00

TABLE IV
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS - TENNESSEE COUNTIES

COUNTY	REGISTRATIONS		REGISTRATIONS
ANDERSON	93,807	JOHNSON	17,510
BEDFORD	38,616	KNOX	381,664
BENTON	19,499	LAKE	5,041
BLED SOE	10,043	LAUDERDALE	21,065
BLOUNT	118,340	LAWRENCE	35,087
BRADLEY	86,965	LEWIS	10,423
CAMPBELL	34,468	LINCOLN	29,627
CANNON	13,093	LOUDON	36,981
CARROLL	28,857	MACON	17,948
CARTER	55,430	MADISON	86,901
CHEATHAM	30,471	MARION	28,070
CHESTER	13,809	MARSHALL	25,112
CLAIBORNE	33,927	MAURY	66,707
CLAY	9,505	MCMINN	49,963
COCKE	36,694	MCNAIRY	24,393
COFFEE	50,191	MEIGS	10,208
CROCKETT	11,136	MONROE	31,612
CUMBERLAND	45,790	MONTGOMERY	124,833
DAVIDSON	657,113	MOORE	6,431
DECATUR	13,943	MORGAN	16,823
DEKALB	18,997	OBION	31,407
DICKSON	40,390	OVERTON	17,310
DYER	34,865	PERRY	8,427
FAYETTE	26,817	PICKETT	5,950
FENTRESS	15,191	POLK	17,573
FRANKLIN	37,344	PUTNAM	63,132
GIBSON	43,428	RHEA	29,976
GILES	29,482	ROANE	46,952
GRAINGER	18,441	ROBERTSON	47,297
GREENE	64,651	RUTHERFORD	129,359
GRUNDY	15,225	SCOTT	21,767
HAMBLEN	75,206	SEQUATCHIE	15,551
HAMILTON	422,553	SEVIER	67,245
HANCOCK	5,724	SHELBY	728,543
HARDEMAN	23,643	SMITH	17,989
HARDIN	26,597	STEWART	12,721
HAWKINS	44,782	SULLIVAN	170,557
HAYWOOD	16,519	SUMNER	100,838
HENDERSON	22,778	TIPTON	43,459
HENRY	34,356	TROUSDALE	9,536
HICKMAN	18,358	UNICOI	19,857
HOUSTON	8,144	UNION	15,213
HUMPHREYS	18,542	VAN BUREN	5,068
JACKSON	10,038	WARREN	34,198
JEFFERSON	35,460	WASHINGTON	112,067

COUNTY	REGISTRATIONS
WAYNE	15,664
WEAKLEY	29,143
WHITE	24,576
WILLIAMSON	102,889
WILSON	71,975
TOTALS	5,551,866

SOURCE: Motor Vehicle Division, TN Department of Safety

LOCAL SALES TAX IN TENNESSEE COUNTIES

Any county by resolution of its county legislative body is authorized to levy a tax on the same privileges subject to the State Sales and Use Tax. The resolution is subject to approval by the qualified voters of the county. The county has priority over any municipality in levying the local option sales tax. A municipality may only levy a tax equal to the difference between the county's tax and the maximum rate. If there is no difference, the municipality cannot levy the tax. The process of repeal is the same as the process of adoption.

Exemptions to Tennessee's sales tax are numerous and complicated and fall into three major categories: (1) exempt transactions, (2) exempt entities, and (3) exempt items. The Department of Revenue requires strict documentation of sales to exempt institutions and of sales for resale. In addition, there are subcategories of exemptions; some of the exemptions are as follows:

1. Exempt Transactions
 - a. Interstate Commerce
 - b. Resale Exemptions
 - c. Manufacturers' Exemption
 - d. Occasional and Isolated Sales
 - e. Non-Sales (refunds, replacements, etc.)

2. Exempt Entities
 - a. Non-Profit Entities
 - b. Governmental Entities

3. Exempt Items
 - a. Agricultural
 - b. Amusement Exemptions
 - c. Food Stamps
 - d. Industrial or Farm Machinery
 - e. Medical
 - f. Publishing and Printing
 - g. Real Property
 - h. Securities

j. Miscellaneous:

- (1) caskets,**
- (2) gasoline upon which a privilege tax is paid and motor vehicle fuel,**
- (3) school lunches and books,**
- (4) steam sold by a resource recovery facility,**
- (5) taxidermy services, and**
- (6) periodical advertisements.**

The rate is determined by the county (and city), but may not exceed 2.75%. There is also a single item cap which varies from place to place. Before 1983 the maximum single item sales tax cap was \$5.00 if the local sales tax rate was 1% or less and \$7.50 if the local rate was greater than 1%. Although several counties remain under this system, most counties have adopted the new statutory scheme which provides that the tax applies only to the first \$1,600.00 on the sale or use of any single article of personal property. The proceeds of the countywide local sales tax are distributed as follows:

- 1. One-half is distributed in the same manner as the county property tax for schools.**
- 2. One-half is distributed on the basis of where the sale occurred. Collections in incorporated municipalities go to their General Funds; collections in unincorporated areas go to such fund or funds of the county as the county commission shall direct. However, a county and city may enter into a contract providing for some other distribution of the half not allocated to schools.**

Proceeds from this tax going to the county may, by resolution of the governing body and with approval by resolution by the county board of education, be pledged for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness.

At present, all counties in Tennessee have levied a countywide local sales tax.

Table V includes a list of countywide sales tax rates for all counties with information regarding the increase in the local sales tax cap. Those counties which have passed the required resolution in two consecutive meetings are indicated by "Yes"; those which have not considered the resolution or have failed to adopt it are indicated by "No". For information regarding the proper method for removing the current local option sales tax cap, interested officials should contact the Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division or their area CTAS county government consultant.

TABLE V
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

COUNTY	LOCAL OPTION	RAISED	COUNTY	LOCAL OPTION	RAISED
	SALES TAX RATES	CAP		SALES TAX RATES	CAP
ANDERSON	2.25	YES	JOHNSON	1.50	YES
BEDFORD	1.75	YES	KNOX	2.25	YES
BENTON	2.75	YES	LAKE	2.75	YES
BLED SOE	2.25	YES	LAUDERDALE	2.75	YES
BLOUNT	2.25	YES	LAWRENCE	2.75	YES
BRADLEY	2.25	YES	LEWIS	2.50	YES
CAMPBELL	2.25	YES	LINCOLN	2.50	YES
CANNON	1.75	YES	LOUDON	2.00	YES
CARROLL	2.75	YES	MACON	2.25	YES
CARTER	2.25	YES	MADISON	2.75	YES
CHEATHAM	2.25	YES	MARION	2.25	YES
CHESTER	2.75	YES	MARSHALL	2.25	YES
CLAIBORNE	2.25	YES	MAURY	2.25	YES
CLAY	2.75	YES	MCMINN	2.00	YES
COCKE	2.75	YES	MCNAIRY	2.25	YES
COFFEE	2.00	YES	MEIGS	2.00	YES
CROCKETT	2.75	YES	MONROE	2.25	YES
CUMBERLAND	2.75	YES	MONTGOMERY	2.50	YES
DAVIDSON	2.25	YES	MOORE	2.50	YES
DECATUR	2.50	YES	MORGAN	2.00	YES
DEKALB	1.50	YES	OBION	2.75	YES
DICKSON	2.25	YES	OVERTON	2.50	YES
DYER	2.75	YES	PERRY	2.50	NO
FAYETTE	2.25	YES	PICKETT	2.75	YES
FENTRESS	2.50	YES	POLK	2.25	YES
FRANKLIN	2.25	YES	PUTNAM	2.75	YES
GIBSON	2.25	YES	RHEA	2.25	YES
GILES	2.50	YES	ROANE	2.50	YES
GRAINGER	2.75	YES	ROBERTSON	2.25	YES
GREENE	2.50	YES	RUTHERFORD	2.75	YES
GRUNDY	2.25	NO	SCOTT	2.25	YES
HAMBLEN	2.50	NO	SEQUATCHIE	2.25	YES
HAMILTON	1.75	YES	SEVIER	2.50	YES
HANCOCK	2.00	NO	SHELBY	2.25	YES
HARDEMAN	2.00	YES	SMITH	2.00	YES
HARDIN	2.50	YES	STEWART	2.25	NO
HAWKINS	2.75	YES	SULLIVAN	2.25	YES
HAYWOOD	2.75	YES	SUMNER	2.25	YES
HENDERSON	2.75	YES	TIPTON	2.25	YES
HENRY	2.25	YES	TROUSDALE	2.25	YES
HICKMAN	2.25	YES	UNICOI	2.75	YES
HOUSTON	2.75	YES	UNION	2.25	NO
HUMPHREYS	2.25	NO	VAN BUREN	2.75	YES
JACKSON	2.00	YES	WARREN	2.00	YES
JEFFERSON	2.25	YES	WASHINGTON	2.50	YES

COUNTY	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX RATES	RSD. SALES TAX CAP
WAYNE	2.75	YES
WEAKLEY	2.75	YES
WHITE	2.25	YES
WILLIAMSON	2.25	YES
WILSON	2.25	YES

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX IN TENNESSEE COUNTIES

The county property tax, wheel tax and local option sales tax have until recently comprised the only substantial local tax base available for counties. However, with increasing demands for services by county citizens coupled with the ever-rising costs of these services, counties have been forced to look elsewhere for alternative revenue sources. One alternative which several counties have pursued has been the hotel/motel tax, a percentage tax much like the sales tax, levied on transient lodgings (usually less than 30 continuous days) at motels, hotels, inns, tourist camps, campgrounds and cabins. This tax is on the privilege of occupancy of the rented accommodations. Except in counties with a metropolitan government, this tax is levied or is authorized to be levied by a Private Act.

Since 1988, any Private Act which authorizes a city or county to levy a tax on the privilege of occupancy of a hotel shall limit the application of such tax as follows:

1. A city shall only levy such tax on occupancy of hotels located within its municipal boundaries;
2. A city shall not be authorized to levy such tax on occupancy of hotels if the county in which such city is located has levied such tax prior to the adoption of the tax by the city; and
3. A county shall only levy such tax on occupancy of hotels located within its boundaries but outside the boundaries of any municipality which has levied a tax on such occupancy prior to the adoption of such tax by the county. (T.C.A. §67-4-1425)

Sixty counties in Tennessee have levied a hotel/motel tax by passage of private or public legislation. Shelby County has the oldest tax, levied in 1969. (Shelby County is exempt from the limits found in T.C.A. §67-4-1425 noted above.) The tax varies in amount from 1 1/2% to 10% of the price of lodgings. Table VI lists the counties in Tennessee which have levied a hotel/motel tax, the amounts, authorization, distribution of proceeds and fines assessed for late payment of the tax. While this tax may not be very lucrative in most counties, it can generate sizable revenues in others.

**TABLE VI
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX IN TENNESSEE COUNTIES**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
ANDERSON	5%	Chapter 193, Private Acts 1990	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
BENTON	5%	Chapter 932, Private Acts 1994	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
BLOUNT	4%	Chapter 102, Private Acts 1979 Chapter 23, Private Acts 1963, Chapter 26, Private Acts 1993	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: 50% to Tourist Commission; 12.5% for Townsend Visitors Center; 37.5% to the County General Fund.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
BRADLEY	4%	Chapter 19, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: 25% to General Fund; 25% for Tourism; 25% for Industrial Recruitment; and 25% for proposed agri-business center, except, if sufficient state funds are not available for center, this 25% shall be deposited in County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
CARROLL	5%	Chapter 144, Private Acts 2000	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
CARTER	5%	Chapter 186, Private Acts 1984 Chapter 87, Private Acts 1989 Chapter 170, Private Acts 1992	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: 2% or \$12,000 (whichever is less) to County General Fund. Remainder to Tourism Fund.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
CHEATHAM	10%	Chapter 16, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
CHESTER	4%	Chapter 70, Private Acts 1997	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
CLAIBORNE	3%	Chapter 183, Private Acts 1984	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund to be used for the sole purpose of tourism development and promotion.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
COCKE	3%	Chapter 216, Private Acts 1980	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
CROCKETT	5%	Chapter 10, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/
CUMBERLAND	5%	Chapter 145, Private Acts 1979 Chapter 112, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds allocated to County Debt Service Fund or as specified by County Commission. Amended to include state or local governments.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
DAVIDSON	4%	T.C.A. 7-4-101, 7-4-112 - 3% Chapter 559, Public Acts of 1982 - 1%	Proceeds from 3% allocated as follows: one-third for direct promotion of tourism; one-third for tourist related activities; and one-third for the Urban Services General Fund. Proceeds from 1% allocated for construction of convention center.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
DECATUR	5%	Chapter 34, Private Acts 1987	Proceeds to be used for any lawful purpose.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
DEKALB	5%	T.C.A. 7-4-101, 7-4-112	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
DICKSON	5%	Chapter 25, Private Acts 1987	Proceeds allocated for economic development.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
FAYETTE	5%	Chapter 125, Private Acts 1990	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
FRANKLIN	2%	Chapter 219, Private Acts 1988	Proceeds allocated to Rural Fire Protection.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
GIBSON	4%	Chapter 37, Private Acts 1985	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund for industrial development.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
GILES	5%	Chapter 133, Private Acts 1996	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund for courthouse maintenance and renovation.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
GREENE	3%	Chapter 127, Private Acts 1986 Chapter 10, Private Acts 1997	Proceeds allocated as follows: one-half to be used by the "Greene County Partnership for direct promotion of tourism and tourist related activities, one-half to be used for economic development.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
HAMILTON	4%	Chapter 905, Public Acts 1980, Chapter 44, Private Acts 1983, Chapter 918, Public Acts 1988	Proceeds deposited to Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and allocated by County Commission upon request.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HARDEMAN	5%	Chapter 206, Private Acts 1988	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HARDIN	5%	Chapter 201, Private Acts 1988	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HAYWOOD	5%	Chapter 179, Private Acts 1988	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: one-half revenue collected in City of Brownsville returned to City; remainder to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HENDERSON	5%	Chapter 98, Private Acts 1983 Chapter 186, Private Acts 1992 Chapter 113, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds allocated one-half to County General Fund; one-half to County Fire Department for equipment. Amended to include governmental entities.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HENRY	5%	Chapter 137, Private Acts 1984	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	14 1/2% per annum interest/ 5% per month to maximum of 25%

TABLE VI
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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
HICKMAN	5%	Chapter 41, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
HUMPHREYS	5%	Chapter 135, Private Acts 1981	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund or as specified by the County Commission.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
JEFFERSON	4%	Chapter 107, Private Acts 1994	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund to be expended as provided by County Commission.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
JOHNSON	5%	Chapter 73, Private Acts 1989	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
KNOX	5%	Chapter 847, Public Acts 1982	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: two-thirds for direct promotion of tourism; one-third divided equally between Knox County General Fund and Knoxville City General; 40% used for tourist related expenditures.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
LAKE	5%	Chapter 191, Private Acts 1990	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
LAUDERDALE	5%	Chapter 11, Private Acts 1989	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	No fine or penalty adopted
LAWRENCE	2%	Chapter 171, Private Acts 1992	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund for economic and community development purposes.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
LEWIS	5%	Chapter 15, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
LINCOLN	5%	Chapter 217, Private Acts 1984	Proceeds allocated 2% or \$12,000 (whichever is greater) to County General Fund; balance for tourism development and promotion.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
LOUDON	5%	Chapter 232, Private Acts 1972 Chapter 276, Private Acts 1982, Chapter 78, Private Acts 1983	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	6% per annum interest/5% per month penalty/ \$50.00
MCMINN	5%	Chapter 5, Private Acts 1989	Proceeds allocated one-third to tourism; and two-thirds to economic development.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
MADISON	5%	Chapter 324, Private Acts 1980 Chapter 66, Private Acts 1985	Proceeds of tax distributed as follows: 37 1/2% to City of Jackson; 25% to Community Economic Development Commission; and 37 1/2% to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
MARION	5%	Chapter 109, Private Acts 1987	Proceeds allocated to Education.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
MARSHALL	5%	Chapter 30, Private Acts 1993	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
MAURY	5%	Chapter 117, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds allocated for Industrial development, tourism promotion, county beautification and county recreation.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
MONROE	3% - 5%	Chapter 45, Private Acts 1981 Chapter 22, Private Acts 1983, Chapter 22, Private Acts 1987, Chapter 26, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: 75% for industrial development and 25% for tourism.	10% per annum interest/\$50.00
MONTGOMERY	3%	Chapter 167, Private Acts 1979	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: one-fourth to City of Clarksville; one-fourth to County General Fund; one-half to Tourist Promotion Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
OBION	5%	Chapter 133, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund, for Reelfoot Lake tourism.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
PUTNAM	5%	Chapter 118, Private Acts 1979, amended by Resolution, 1990	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: 3% to County Debt Service Fund; 2% as follows: for the period beginning 7/1/94, one-half to Chamber of Commerce for promoting county; remainder deposited in County's Other Projects Fund. May be reallocated by Commission as they choose.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
RHEA	2% (Up to 5%)	Chapter 148, Private Acts 1992 Chapter 69, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds allocated 60% for tourism department and 40% for economic development unless otherwise designated by resolution. Exempts: certain corporations, associations, and organizations which are exempt from federal taxation.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
ROANE	5%	Chapter 166, Private Acts 1992	Proceeds allocated to Industrial/Economic Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
ROBERTSON	5%	Chapter 226, Private Acts 1990	Proceeds of tax divided as follows: two-fifths of net proceeds of tax collected within cities with population 2,000-2,500 used for tourism and economic development grants to cities; remainder to Industrial Development Board for industrial and economic development and tourism promotion.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
RUTHERFORD	2 1/2%	Chapter 104, Private Acts 1983	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund, subject to appropriation by county legislative body for direct promotion of tourism, tourist related activities and other county purposes, and, upon resolution of the county legislative body, such proceeds may become part of Debt Service Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
SCOTT	5%	Chapter 144, Private Acts 1983	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
SEQUATCHIE	2%	Chapter 18, Private Acts 1989	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
SHELBY	5%	Chapter 131, Private Acts 1969 Chapter 85, Private Acts 1987, Chapter 74, Private Acts 1995	Proceeds to be used for bonded indebtedness incurred for Cook Convention Center and other bonds issued under Section 10 of the act. Allocates \$3.3 million after debt to Convention and Visitors Bureau for FY1995-96, to be increased 5% per year as long as tax in effect. Excess revenues up to \$11.5 million after debt and contribution to Bureau applied to debt service for Pyramid Arena.	.6% per annum interest/.5% per month penalty
SUMNER	5%	Chapter 7, Private Acts 1985	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	\$50.00
TIPTON	5%	Chapter 127, Private Acts 1988	Proceeds deposited to County General Fund for industrial development.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
UNICOI	5%	Chapter 111, Private Acts 1989	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00
VAN BUREN	5%	Chapter 169, Private Acts 1974	Proceeds prorated to County General Fund and to Educational Capital Outlay Fund.	6% per annum interest/.5% per month penalty
WARREN	5%	Chapter 13, Private Acts 1991	Proceeds allocated to Debt Service Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/ \$50.00

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
WEAKLEY	5%	Chapter 174, Public Acts 1988	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty/\$50.00
WILLIAMSON	4%	Chapter 114, Private Acts 1979 Chapter 17, Private Acts 1985	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund.	8% per annum interest/1% per month penalty
WILSON	3%	Chapter 20, Private Acts 1980	Proceeds allocated to County General Fund or as specified by County Commission.	12% per annum interest/1% per month penalty

COUNTY MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX

An additional locally-levied tax is the mineral severance tax which levies a per tonnage fee on business enterprises which extract certain minerals from the ground, including sand, gravel, sandstone, chert and limestone. Prior to 1984, this tax could be authorized only by private act of the Legislature; however, T.C.A. §67-7-201, et seq, authorizes county legislative bodies to levy the tax upon a two-thirds vote of the County Commission. Under this general law, proceeds of the tax are to be placed in the county road fund. The tax may not exceed fifteen cents per ton. Private Acts in existence when the general law was passed remain in effect for all purposes, except that the rate may not exceed fifteen cents.

Forty-eight counties currently levy the severance tax on minerals in Tennessee (excluding coal). The tax varies in amount from \$.05/ton to \$.15/ton with all individual taxes being levied since 1979. Table VII gives a list of each county, the amount of tax, authorization, distribution and fines levied for late or non-payment of tax.

**TABLE VII
COUNTY MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX
COLLECTION AND**

COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
ANDERSON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
BEDFORD	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
BENTON	Up to \$.05 per ton, to be set by county legislative body. Additional \$.10 per ton.	Chapter 89, Private Acts 1979. Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201.	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund. Collected by State; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 6% interest on delinquent tax. 50% penalty for attempt to evade. Up to \$1,000 in fine or one year in prison.
BLED SOE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CAMPBELL	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CANNON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CARROLL	Up to \$.10 per ton on sand, gravel, clay, limestone or other minerals; rate set by county legislative body.	Chapter 184, Private Acts 1980 as amended by Chapter 43, Private Acts 1983	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 6% interest on delinquent tax. 50% penalty for attempt to evade. Up to \$1,000 in fine or one year in prison.

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION	FINES
CARTER	Up to \$.15 per ton on sand, gravel, limestone, rock, phosphate and other minerals; rate set by county legislative body.	Chapter 79, Private Acts 1981	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 8% interest on delinquent tax. 50% penalty for attempt to evade. Up to \$1,000 in fine or one year in prison.
CARROLL	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CHEATHAM	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CLAIBORNE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CLAY	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
COFFEE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
CUMBERLAND	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
DAVIDSON	\$.15 per ton	Resolution R84-334	General Fund for use as provided in T.C.A. 67-7-201.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
DECATUR	\$.15 per ton	Chapter 35, Private Acts 1987	Collected by Trustee; to General Fund or other fund as designated by resolution of the county legislative body.	10% penalty with 8% per annum interest on delinquent tax. 50% added for evading tax.
DEKALB	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
FAYETTE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
GILES	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by Chapter 91, Private Acts 1984	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund.	10% penalty with 6% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evasion; \$1,000 fine or imprisonment.
HARDIN	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Department.	10% penalty with 6% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evasion; \$1,000 fine or imprisonment.
HAWKINS	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.

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HAYWOOD	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
HICKMAN	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
HUMPHREYS	Up to \$.05 per ton on sand, limestone, gravel phosphate and other minerals. Rate set by county legislative body.	Chapter 148, Private Acts 1981	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund.	10% penalty with 8% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty or evading; \$1,000 fine or one year in prison.
JACKSON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
JOHNSON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
LAWRENCE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MCMINN	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.

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McNAIRY	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MADISON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MARION	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MARSHALL	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MONROE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
MONTGOMERY	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
OBION	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
OVERTON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	DISTRIBUTION	FINES
PERRY	\$.05 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
POLK	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
PUTNAM	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
ROANE	\$.15 per ton on minerals	Chapter 384, Private Acts 1982	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 8% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% added for evading tax; \$1,000 fine or one year in prison or both.
ROBERTSON	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
RUTHERFORD	\$.15 per ton on sand, limestone, gravel, phosphate, rock and other minerals; rate set by co. legislative body.	Chapter 111, Private Acts 1983	Collected by County Clerk, distributed to County General Fund or other fund by resolution of county legislative body.	10% penalty with 12% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evasion.
SHELBY	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty/16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty & int. retained by state.
STEWART	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty & interest retained by state.

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SUMNER	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
TROUSDALE	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution July 14, 1985	County Road Fund.	10% to 50% of tax due, plus interest.
UNICOI	\$.15 per ton on sand, gravel, limestone, rock, phosphate & other minerals severed from ground.	Chapter 213, Private Acts 1982	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evading tax.
WARREN	\$.15 per ton	Commission Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax. All penalty and interest retained by state.
WAYNE	\$.15 per ton on pulpwood.	Chapter 61, Private Acts 1989	Collected by County Trustee, to General Fund, with school system having first priority.	10% penalty per annum; 50% penalty for evading tax.
WEAKLEY	\$.15 per ton on sand, gravel, clay & other minerals for commercial purposes.	Chapter 270, Private Acts 1982	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund or as Commission directs.	10% penalty with 10% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evading tax.
WHITE	\$.15 per ton on sand, gravel, limestone, rock, phosphate and other minerals.	Chapter 213, Private Acts 1980 as amended by Chapter 293, Private Acts 1972	Collected by TN Dept. of Revenue and remitted to County less 3%.	10% penalty with 8% per annum interest on delinquent tax; 50% penalty for evasion; \$1,000 fine or one year in prison or both.
WILLIAMSON	\$.15 per ton	Chapter 76, Private Acts 1985	Collected by County Clerk; 100% to County General Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax; all penalty and interest retained by state.

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COUNTY	AMOUNT	AUTHORIZATION	COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION	FINES
WILSON	\$.15 per ton	Commlsion Resolution authorized by T.C.A. 67-7-201	Collected by state; 100% to Highway Fund.	10% penalty with 16% per annum interest on delinquent tax; all penalty and interest retained by state.

LITIGATION TAX IN TENNESSEE COUNTIES

Another popular source of revenue available to county government is the local litigation tax. This tax may be levied on all original suits filed in General Sessions, Circuit, Chancery and other special courts in each county. Counties are allowed to levy a litigation tax in the same amount and manner as the state litigation tax now levied by T.C.A. § 67-4-602, et seq. Additionally, T.C.A. § 16-15-5006 authorizes counties to levy a local litigation tax for general sessions judges salaries and requires a resolution approved by two-thirds of the legislative body.

Almost all counties have levied a local litigation tax, either by a private act of the General Assembly or by resolution of the County Commission. The county tax may be levied in an amount not to exceed \$23.75 in civil cases in courts of record, \$23.75 in civil cases in general sessions courts, \$29.50 in criminal cases in courts of record, and \$35.50 in criminal cases in general sessions courts. Furthermore, Chapter 502 of Public Acts of 1999 authorized an additional \$1.00 state litigation tax in all criminal cases arising out of any violation of Title 55, Chapter 8 (traffic violations), or for violation of any ordinance governing use of a metered parking space. Counties could "match" this tax as well, which would bring the maximum local litigation tax for only those criminal cases arising out of these types of traffic and parking violations to \$30.50 in cases in courts of record and \$36.50 in cases in general sessions courts.

Also, Chapter 886 of the Public Acts of 2000 authorized counties to levy an additional local privilege tax on litigation in all civil and criminal cases instituted in the county, not including those instituted in municipal court. The new tax may be levied by a resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body. The additional tax cannot exceed \$10 per case. Proceeds from this tax must be used exclusively for purposes of jail or workhouse construction, re-construction or upgrading, or to retire debt issued for those purposes. The law contains a sunset provision that causes the tax levy to cease once the costs of the project have been paid or the debt for the project has been retired.

This tax (litigation tax) may be used for any specific purpose authorized by the county legislative body (except that up to \$6.00 of the tax authorized by T.C.A. § 16-15-5006 for general sessions cases shall be allocated to the County General Fund to aid in defraying the costs of paying general sessions judges salaries) or the proceeds may be deposited in the County General Fund and used for general purposes. For more information on how this tax may be levied, contact your CTAS county government consultant.

ADEQUATE FACILITIES/DEVELOPMENT TAX

In recent years local governments, especially those in counties experiencing heavy growth, have looked for ways by which those benefitting from the growth could also pay for the increased governmental costs resulting from that growth. There are three main methods by which a local government may make an assessment against property which the owner wishes to develop: special assessments, impact fees, and privilege taxes.

Impact Fees. These fees are a means by which a local government may regulate new development. The intent of the fee is to place the financial burden of new growth on areas in which the growth has occurred. The level of the fee must be related to the costs resulting from the new development, and revenues generated by the fee should be earmarked for investment in the growth areas. There is no specific statutory authority under general law for counties to impose impact fees; therefore, they may be imposed only by private act.

Adequate Facilities Taxes. These are privilege taxes levied upon the privilege of construction or development of property. The primary difference between an impact fee and an adequate facilities tax is one of intent: the purpose of a tax is to raise revenue, but the purpose of a fee is the regulation of some activity under the government's police power. *Memphis Retail Liquor Dealer's Ass'n Inc. v. City of Memphis*, 547 S.W.2d 244 (Tenn. 1977). As with impact fees, there is no statutory authorization for local governments to impose adequate facilities taxes, so they require a private act.

Special Assessments. These are charges levied against specific parcels of property to recoup part or all of the costs of improvements which directly benefit that property: "The differences between a special assessment and a tax are (1) a special assessment can be levied only on land for special purposes; (2) a special assessment is based wholly on lands benefitted." *West Tennessee Flood Control & Soil Conservation Dist. V. Wyatt*, 247 S.W.2d 56 (Tenn. 1952). Counties are authorized to levy special assessments by the County Powers Act. T.C.A. §5-1-118.

The issue of whether a program is a tax or fee becomes significant in determining the level of scrutiny with which courts will look at the program. Since taxes are not regulatory actions, they do not have to meet the same standards as impact fee programs. Since it is relatively easy for local governments in Tennessee to obtain enabling legislation through private acts, adequate facilities taxes may be easier for local governments to initiate here than in other states where local governments have been more prone to resort to impact fee programs. The revenues from these taxes go into the fund or funds designated by the private act. While they may often be designated for expenditure on expanding capital facilities for public works, it is neither required nor, as a rule, desirable to earmark them for spending only in the areas where they were collected. At present, there are seven counties which have instituted these taxes/fees. Table VIII lists these counties, the type of tax, amount of tax and distribution.

**TABLE VIII
ADEQUATE FACILITIES/DEVELOPMENT TAX**

COUNTY	TYPE OF TAX	AMOUNT OF TAX	DISTRIBUTION
CHEATHAM	Development Tax	\$3,750 FLAT TAX:	\$500 Parks & Recreation;
		Plat Approval	\$750 General Fund;
		Bldg. Permit	\$2,500 Education Debt
	Adequate Facilities	\$1.00 Residential Sq. Ft.	Education Debt
		\$.50 Commercial Sq. Ft. (Not implemented)	
DICKSON	Adequate Facilities	\$.50 Residential Sq. Ft. Heated	Education
		\$.25 Commercial Sq. Ft. Heated	Capital Projects/Debt
		\$.15 Industrial Sq. Ft. Temp Controlled Space	
MAURY	Adequate Facilities	\$.50 Residential Sq. Ft.	Local Purpose Fund
		\$.30 Commercial Sq. Ft.	
ROBERTSON	Adequate Facilities	\$1.00 Residential Sq. Ft.	Education
RUTHERFORD	Development Tax	\$1,500 FLAT TAX:	Capital Improvements
		\$750 Plat Approval	Debt Retirement
		\$750 Bldg. Permit	
SUMNER	Adequate Facilities	\$.70 Residential Sq. Ft.	Capital Projects/
		\$.40 Industrial Sq. Ft.	Education Debt
WILLIAMSON	Privilege Tax	\$.90 Residential Sq. Ft.	Residential: Schools
		\$.34 Commercial Sq. Ft.	and Recreation
Within Cities		\$.68 Residential Sq. Ft.	Commercial: Fire Services
		No Commercial Cities	and Highways

TAX RATE SUMMARY

- I. **PROPERTY TAX RATES** - Actual county property taxes enacted for 2000-2001 range from a low of \$1.10 to a high of \$4.21, with effective rates ranging from a low of \$1.10 to a high of \$3.54.
- II. **WHEEL TAX** - As of the date of publication, forty-nine counties had enacted a county wheel tax. Wheel tax rates range from a low of \$10.00 to a high of \$70.00.
- III. **LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX** - All counties levy this tax, with rates ranging from a low of 1.00% to a high of 2.75%. Additionally, 86 counties have opted to raise the sales tax cap, while 9 have elected not to do so.
- IV. **HOTEL/MOTEL TAX** - Sixty-two counties currently levy a hotel/motel tax. Tax rates range from a low of 2.0% to a high of 10.0%.
- V. **MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX** - Forty-eight counties now levy a mineral severance tax. Rates range from a low of \$.05 per ton to a high of \$.15 per ton.
- VI. **ADEQUATE FACILITIES/DEVELOPMENT TAX** - Six counties now levy this tax. Not included in summary table, see Table VIII for this information.

**TABLE IX
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COUNTY	PROPERTY TAX RATES	WHEEL TAX		HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RATES	MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX RATES	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	
		RATES	FINES			RATES	RAISED CAP
ANDERSON	3.32	-	-	5.0 %	\$.15/ton	2.25 %	YES
BEDFORD	3.01	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	1.75	YES
BENTON	2.82	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
BLED SOE	1.87	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
BLOUNT	2.36	-	-	4.0	-	2.25	YES
BRADLEY	2.18	-	-	4.0	-	2.25	YES
CAMPBELL	2.34	35.00	Up to \$50.00	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
CANNON	2.24	10.00	\$15-50	-	\$.15/ton	1.75	YES
CARROLL	1.10	20.00	Up to \$100.00	-	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
CARTER	2.46	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
CHEATHAM	3.21	50.00	Misdemeanor	10.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
CHESTER	2.37	15.00	\$20-50	4.0	-	2.75	NO
CLAIBORNE	2.60	-	-	3.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
CLAY	2.78	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
COCKE	2.40	-	-	3.0	-	2.75	YES
COFFEE	3.29	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.00	YES
CROCKETT	2.27	70.00	Misdemeanor	5.0	-	2.75	YES
CUMBERLAND	1.55	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
DAVIDSON	3.39	35.00	\$5-50	4.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
DECATUR	1.65	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
DEKALB	1.50	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	1.50	YES
DICKSON	2.81	30.00	\$25-50	5.0	-	2.25	YES
DYER	2.43	40.00	\$5-50	-	-	2.75	NO
FAYETTE	1.845	25.00	\$25-50/To 6 Mo.	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
FENTRESS	2.24	25.00	Up to \$50	-	-	2.50	YES
FRANKLIN	2.83	-	-	2.0	-	2.25	YES
GIBSON	2.21	25.00	\$10-50	4.0	-	2.25	YES
GILES	3.27	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
GRAINGER	1.95	-	-	-	-	2.75	YES
GREENE	2.11	20.00	\$50-100	2.0	-	2.50	YES
GRUNDY	3.54	-	-	-	-	2.25	NO
HAMBLEN	2.00	27.00	-	-	-	2.50	NO
HAMILTON	3.519	-	-	4.0	-	1.75	YES
HANCOCK	2.22	20.00	Up to \$50	-	-	2.00	NO
HARDEMAN	2.69	30.00	Up to \$50	5.0	-	2.00	YES
HARDIN	1.91	11.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
HAWKINS	3.00	27.00	Up to \$50	-	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
HAYWOOD	2.25	30.50	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
HENDERSON	1.66	20.00	Up to \$50	5.0	-	2.75	YES
HENRY	2.28	33.50	\$25-50	5.0	-	2.25	YES
HICKMAN	2.55	30.50	\$5-50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
HOUSTON	3.15	45.00	\$10-50	-	-	2.75	YES
HUMPHREYS	2.32	-	-	5.0	To \$.05/ton	2.25	NO

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		RATES	FINES			RATES	RAISED CAP
JACKSON	2.74	15.00	Up to \$50	-	\$.15/ton	2.00	YES
JEFFERSON	1.93	25.00	\$10-50	4.0	-	2.25	YES
JOHNSON	3.00	20.00	\$20-50/To 1 Yr.	5.0	\$.15/ton	1.50	YES
KNOX	3.32	-	-	5.0	-	2.25	YES
LAKE	2.70	32.00	None	5.0	-	2.75	YES
LAUDERDALE	2.55	55.00	\$5-50	5.0	-	2.75	YES
LAWRENCE	2.625	25.00	\$25-50	2.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
LEWIS	2.03	20.00	Up to \$50	5.0	-	2.50	YES
LINCOLN	2.53	25.00	\$25-50	5.0	-	2.50	YES
LOUDON	2.11	-	-	5.0	-	2.00	YES
MACON	2.90	30.00	Up to \$50	-	-	2.25	YES
MADISON	2.46	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
MARION	2.03	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
MARSHALL	3.14	50.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
MAURY	2.64	25.00	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
MCMINN	1.9800	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.00	YES
MCNAIRY	2.20	20.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
MEIGS	2.35	-	-	-	-	2.00	YES
MONROE	2.26	25.00	Misdemeanor	4.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
MONTGOMERY	3.30	30.00	Misdemeanor	3.0	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
MOORE	2.12	-	-	-	-	2.50	YES
MORGAN	4.21	-	-	-	-	2.00	YES
OBION	2.58	30.00	Misdemeanor	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
OVERTON	2.04	30.00	\$25-50	-	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
PERRY	2.78	-	-	-	\$.05/ton	2.50	NO
PICKETT	2.53	-	-	-	-	2.75	YES
POLK	2.58	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
PUTNAM	2.695	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
RHEA	2.10	-	-	2.0	-	2.25	YES
ROANE	2.63	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.50	YES
ROBERTSON	2.63	35.00	\$10-50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
RUTHERFORD	2.78	40.00	\$20-50	2.5	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
SCOTT	3.40	-	-	5.0	-	2.25	YES
SEQUATCHIE	2.54	-	-	2.0	-	2.25	YES
SEVIER	1.50	-	-	-	-	2.50	YES
SHELBY	3.54	25.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
SMITH	1.89	-	-	-	-	2.00	YES
STEWART	2.49	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	NO
SULLIVAN	2.63	-	-	-	-	2.25	YES
SUMNER	2.54	50.00	\$10-50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
TIPTON	2.92	30.00	Up to \$50	5.0	-	2.25	YES
TROUSDALE	3.08	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES

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UNICOI	2.72	-	-	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
UNION	2.30	-	-	-	-	2.25	NO
VAN BUREN	2.19	-	-	5.0	-	2.75	YES
WARREN	2.30	30.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.00	YES
WASHINGTON	1.93	-	-	-	-	2.50	YES
WAYNE	2.57	10.00	Up to \$50	-	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
WEAKLEY	2.44	20.00	Up to \$50	5.0	\$.15/ton	2.75	YES
WHITE	2.07	-	-	-	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
WILLIAMSON	2.96	25.00	Up to \$50	4.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES
WILSON	2.82	25.00	Up to \$50	3.0	\$.15/ton	2.25	YES

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