

# MCLEOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' 2020 TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

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## Why Property Taxes Vary From Year to Year

#### 14 Reasons Your Property Taxes Might Go Up (or Down)

#### 1. The market value of your property may change.

- Each parcel of property is assessed at least once every five years.
- Each year a sales ratio study is done to determine if the property is assessed similarly to like properties.
- You may make additions or improvements to your property which increases its market value.

## The market value of other properties in your taxing district may change, shifting taxes from one property to another.

- If the market value of a property increases more or less than the average increase or decrease in a taxing district, the taxes on that property will also change.
- New construction in a taxing district increases the tax base and will affect the district's tax rate.

#### **3.** The State General Property Tax may change.

◆ The State Legislature directly applies a State General Property Tax to commercial/industrial and seasonal/recreational property classes.

#### 4. The County Budget and Levy may change.

◆ Each year a county reviews the needs and wants of their citizens and how to meet those discretionary needs and wants. Also included in the county budget is non-discretionary spending which is required by state and federal mandates and court decisions and orders. As much as sixty to eighty-five percent of the county expenditures are used to deliver mandated services.

#### 5. The City Budget and Levy may change.

Each year cities review the needs and wants of their citizens and how to meet those needs and wants. This is called "discretionary spending" in the city budget. Also included in the budget is non-discretionary spending which is required by state and federal mandates and court decisions and orders.

#### **6.** The Township Budget and Levy may change.

• Each year in March townships set the levy and budget for the next year.

#### 7. The School District's Budget and Levy may change.

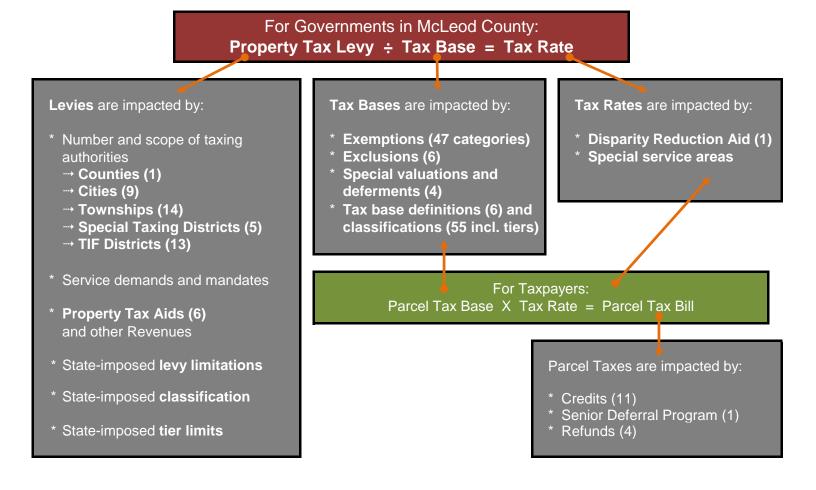
- ◆ The Legislature determines basic funding levels for K-12 education and mandates services that schools must perform. On average, approximately seventy percent of school costs are paid by the state.
- Local school districts set levies for many purposes including transportation, community education, safe schools, etc.

#### **8.** A Special Districts Budget and Levy may change.

 Special districts such as the hospital districts, watershed districts, libraries, etc. set levies to balance their budgets.

- 9. Voters may have approved a School, City, Town, or County Referendum.
  - Local referendums may be held for local government construction projects, excess operating levies for schools or many other purposes.
  - Referendum levies may be spread on the market value or the tax capacity of a property depending on process and type of referendum levy.
- 10. Federal or state mandates may have changed.
  - Both the state and federal governments require local governments to provide certain services and follow certain rules. These mandates often require an increase in the cost and level of service delivery.
- 11. Aid and Revenue from the State and Federal government may have changed.
  - Each year the legislature reviews and adjusts the level of funding for a variety of aids provided to local governments including Local Government Aid (LGA), Disparity Reduction Aid (DRA), and County Program Aid (CPA). The formulas for how aid is determined and distributed among local governments may have changed.
  - While direct aid and revenue from the federal government to local governments has declined greatly in recent years, federal revenue continues to be a key portion of the local government revenue stream and that revenue stream may have changed.
- The state legislature may have changed class rates, shifting taxes in your area.
  - A change in class rates will require a change in the tax rate to raise the same amount of money.
- 13. Other State Law changes may adjust the tax base.
  - Fiscal disparities, personal property taxes on utilities properties, limited market value, and tax increment financing and the new homestead market value exclusion are examples of laws that affect property taxes.
- 14. Special assessments may have been added to your property tax bill.
  - Water lines, curb and gutter, and street improvements that directly benefit your property may be funded, in whole or in part, through a special assessment that is added to your property tax bill.

#### For Governments in Minnesota: Property Tax Levy ÷ Tax Base = Tax Rate **Levies** are impacted by: Tax Bases are impacted by: **Tax Rates** are impacted by: **Exemptions (47 categories)** \* Disparity Reduction Aid (1) \* Number and scope of taxing authorities **Exclusions (6)** \* Special service areas Special valuations and --- State (1) → Counties (87) deferments (4) → Cities (854) \* Tax base definitions (6) and ---> Townships (1,802) classifications (55 incl. tiers) → Special Taxing Districts (242+) **→ TIF Districts (2,600)** For Taxpayers: \* Service demands and mandates Parcel Tax Base X Tax Rate = Parcel Tax Bill \* Property Tax Aids (10) and other Revenues Parcel Taxes are impacted by: \* State-imposed **levy limitations** \* Credits (11) \* Senior Deferral Program (1) \* Refunds (4)



## "Who Does What" in the Property Tax Process

#### ASSESSOR

- Locates the property to be taxed; estimates its market value (how much the property would sell for in today's market); and assigns it to a class according to its use. The value established as of January this year determines the taxes you pay next year.
- Sends out notices in the spring to those whose property has changed in value and/or classification.
- Multiplies the estimated market value of each piece of property by the tax capacity percentage set by law for its class. The result is the tax capacity.
- Adds together the tax capacities for all the property in the taxing district and gives the totals to the County Auditor-Treasurer.
- Property owners who disagree with the Assessor may appeal to the Boards of Review.

#### **Town or City Board of Review**

\* The town board or city council meets between April 1 and May 31.

#### **County Board of Equalization**

\* The county board of commissioners meets during the last two weeks in June.

#### State Board of Equalization

\* The commissioner of revenue meets between April 15 and June 30. The review board may change the estimate of the market value or the classification.

#### **Minnesota Tax Court**

Small claims or regular division.

#### TAXING DISTRICTS

- Your School District, Township or City, County, etc.
- Determines the services (such as street maintenance, fire, and police protection) to be provided in the coming year.
- Estimates the costs of those services and determine what portion will come from property taxes. (Levy)
- Prepares proposed budget/levy amounts.
- Townships send proposed levy amounts to County Auditor-Treasurer by September 30.
- Cities and School District send proposed levy amounts to County Auditor-Treasurer by September 30.
- Holds Truth-in-Taxation hearings on budgets.
- Sends final levy to the County Auditor-Treasurer by December 28.

#### AUDITOR-TREASURER

#### For Proposed "Truth-in-Taxation" Taxes:

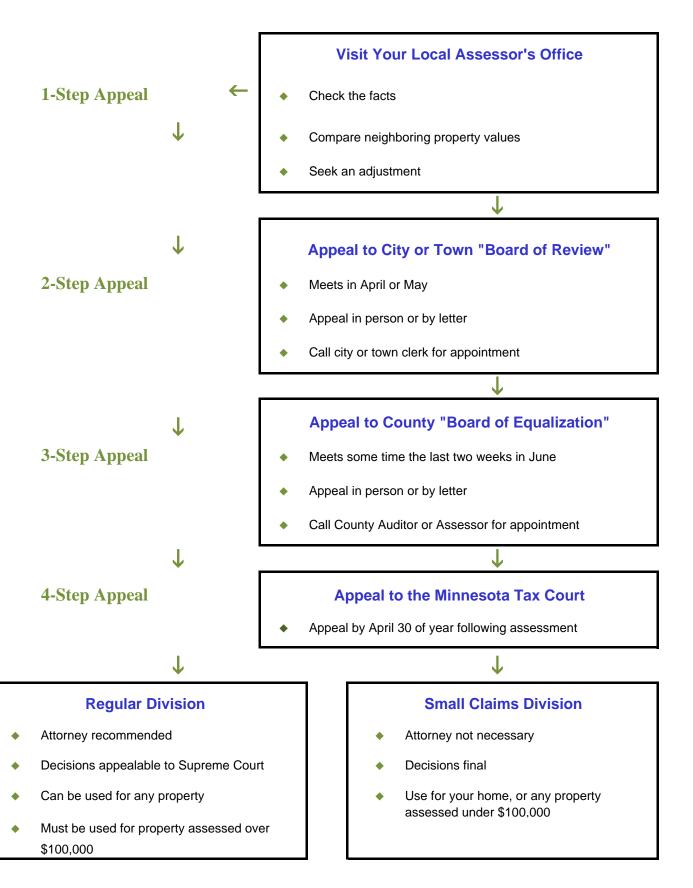
- Calculates tax increment captured percentages.
- Adjusts tax capacity for tax increment.
- Determine the tax capacity rates by dividing the proposed levy by the proposed total amount of tax capacity in the taxing district.
- Calculates the amount of each property owner's proposed tax.
- Prepares a Truth-in-Taxation notice for each taxpayer to be mailed between November 10 and 24 of each year.

#### **For Final Taxes:**

- Recalculates tax increment captured percentages.
- Adjusts tax capacity for tax increment.
- Recalculates the tax capacity rates by dividing the final levy by the final total amount of tax capacity in the taxing district.
- Recalculates the amount of each property owner's tax based upon the final levy amounts.
- Adds special assessments to the tax statements as certified by municipalities and townships.
- Prepares a listing of the tax for all property owners in the county.
- As tax dollars are collected, prepares settlements of money to taxing districts.
- Determines settlement amounts for delinquent settlements.
- Prepares the property tax statements from the county tax list. Mails out the statements by March 31 of the following year.
- Property owners mail in their payments. (Due in two installments on May 15 and October 15 for residential and November 15 for agricultural).
- Determines settlement amounts for current year settlements to the taxing districts.

## Do You Think Your Property is Over-Assessed?

The diagram below shows the steps in contesting your property valuation:



## **Property Tax Classification Rates**

## What They Are, How They Work

Determine the Taxable Market Value and Classification the Assessor's Office has assigned to the property.

Multiply the Market Value by the State Legislature mandated percentage (classification rate) based on the Classification of the Property (these percentages are uniform statewide). The result of this computation is called the Net Tax Capacity.

Payable 2020 Classification Rates range from .45% to 2.00%. Classification Rates for selected property classes are shown below:

| PROPERTY TYPE                     | NTC CLASS | SUBJECT<br>TO RMV | SUBJECT<br>TO STATE |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                                   | RATE      | TAX               | TAX                 |
| Residential Homestead             |           |                   |                     |
| First \$500,000 of market value   | 1.00%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Value over \$500,000              | 1.25%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Residential Non-Homestead         |           |                   |                     |
| First \$500,000 of market value   | 1.00%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Value over \$500,000              | 1.25%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Commercial and Industrial         |           |                   |                     |
| First \$100,000 of market value   | 1.50%     | Yes               | No                  |
| \$100,000 - \$150,000             | 1.50%     | Yes               | Yes                 |
| Value over \$150,000              | 2.00%     | Yes               | Yes                 |
| Agricultural Homestead            |           |                   |                     |
| House, garage, one acre           |           |                   |                     |
| First \$500,000 of market value   | 1.00%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Value over \$500,000              | 1.25%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Remainder of Farm:                |           |                   |                     |
| First \$1,880,000 of market value | 0.50%     | No                | No                  |
| Value over \$1,880,000            | 1.00%     | No                | No                  |
| Agricultural Non-Homestead        | 1.00%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Land                              | 1.00%     | No                | No                  |
| Residential Rental (Apartments)   |           |                   |                     |
| 2-3 units                         | 1.25%     | Yes               | No                  |
| 4 or more units                   | 1.25%     | Yes               | No                  |
| Seasonal Cabins (Non-Commercial)  |           |                   |                     |
| First \$500,000 of market value   | 1.00%     | No                | Yes                 |
| Value over \$500,000              | 1.25%     | No                | Yes                 |

#### **HOW TO USE THE CLASSIFICATION RATES:**

Example: Suppose your home is valued at 100,000 Residential Homestead.

Your Home's Tax Capacity Equals: (100,000 X 1%) = 1,000

## **Property Tax Classification Rates Comparison**

| Property Type                     | Payable<br>2016 | Payable<br>2017 | Payable<br>2018 | Payable<br>2019 | Payable<br>2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (1a) Residential Homestead:       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$500,000                   | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$500,000                    | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (1b) Blind/Disabled Homestead:    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$50,000                    | 0.45%           | 0.45%           | 0.45%           | 0.45%           | 0.45%           |
| \$50,000 - \$500,000              |                 |                 | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$500,000                    |                 |                 | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (4bb) Residential Non-Homestea    | d:              |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$500,000                   | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$500,000                    | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| Residential Rental (Apartments)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| (4b 1) 2-3 units                  | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (4a) 4 or more units              | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (4d) Low Income Apartments:       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first tier                        | 0.75%           | 0.75%           | 0.75%           | 0.75%           | 0.75%           |
| over first tier                   |                 | 0.25%           | 0.25%           | 0.25%           | 0.25%           |
| (3a) Commercial/Industrial /Publi | ic Utility:     |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$150,000                   | 1.50%           | 1.50%           | 1.50%           | 1.50%           | 1.50%           |
| over \$150,000                    | 2.00%           | 2.00%           | 2.00%           | 2.00%           | 2.00%           |
| Seasonal Recreational:            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| (1c) Homestead Resorts            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$600,000                   | 0.50%           | 0.50%           | 0.50%           | 0.50%           | 0.50%           |
| \$600,000 - \$2,300,000           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$2,300,000                  | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (4c 1) Seasonal Resorts Comr      | mercial         |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$500,000                   | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$500,000                    | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
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## **Property Tax Classification Rates Comparison**

| Property Type                | Payable<br>2016 | Payable<br>2017 | Payable<br>2018 | Payable<br>2019 | Payable<br>2020 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Agricultural Homestead:      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| (2a) House, Garage, One Acre |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$500,000              | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |
| over \$500,000               | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           | 1.25%           |
| (2a) Remainder of Farm       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| first \$2,140,000            | 0.50%           | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| over \$2,140,000             | 1.00%           | -               | -               | -               | -               |
| first \$2,050,000            | -               | 0.50%           | -               | -               | -               |
| over \$2,050,000             | -               | 1.00%           | -               | -               | -               |
| first \$1,940,000            | -               | -               | 0.50%           | -               | -               |
| over \$1,940,000             | -               | -               | 1.00%           | -               | -               |
| first \$1,900,000            | -               | -               | -               | 0.50%           | -               |
| over \$1,900,000             | -               | -               | -               | 1.00%           | -               |
| first \$1,880,000            | -               | -               | -               | -               | 0.50%           |
| over \$1,880,000             | -               | -               | -               | -               | 1.00%           |
| (2b) Non-Homestead           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           | 1.00%           |

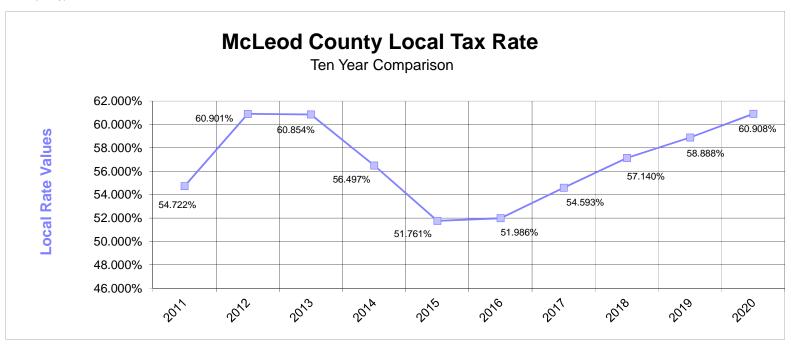
## **2020 Proposed Tax Capacities by Taxing Authorities**

|                | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | Increase<br>(Decrease) | Percentage |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Townships      | Final      | Final      | Final      | Final      | Proposed   | 2020-2019              | Change     |
| Acoma          | 1,739,940  | 1,724,857  | 1,738,256  | 1,819,787  | 1,978,416  | 158,629                | 8.72%      |
| Bergen         | 1,726,927  | 1,628,844  | 1,661,622  | 1,658,094  | 1,736,307  | 78,213                 | 4.72%      |
|                |            |            |            |            |            |                        |            |
| Collins        | 1,391,626  | 1,263,388  | 1,250,644  | 1,177,110  | 1,270,673  | 93,563                 | 7.95%      |
| Glencoe Twp    | 1,388,420  | 1,304,910  | 1,287,582  | 1,237,407  | 1,335,783  | 98,376                 | 7.95%      |
| Hale           | 1,532,913  | 1,472,205  | 1,535,717  | 1,512,399  | 1,592,362  | 79,963                 | 5.29%      |
| Hassan Valley  | 1,475,787  | 1,491,125  | 1,431,574  | 1,356,909  | 1,438,267  | 81,358                 | 6.00%      |
| Helen          | 1,795,608  | 1,706,782  | 1,764,861  | 1,880,928  | 1,971,462  | 90,534                 | 4.81%      |
| Hutchinson Twp | 1,912,400  | 1,879,334  | 1,846,150  | 1,897,087  | 1,986,692  | 89,605                 | 4.72%      |
| Lynn           | 1,168,384  | 1,096,015  | 1,074,201  | 1,031,629  | 1,106,328  | 74,699                 | 7.24%      |
| Penn           | 1,203,270  | 1,089,483  | 1,040,575  | 953,437    | 1,016,659  | 63,222                 | 6.63%      |
| Rich Valley    | 1,409,584  | 1,355,522  | 1,385,756  | 1,340,074  | 1,404,568  | 64,494                 | 4.81%      |
| Round Grove    | 1,560,286  | 1,265,847  | 1,173,806  | 1,040,036  | 1,122,757  | 82,721                 | 7.95%      |
| Sumter         | 1,537,907  | 1,412,895  | 1,451,360  | 1,427,740  | 1,496,633  | 68,893                 | 4.83%      |
| Winsted Twp    | 1,631,313  | 1,611,112  | 1,624,803  | 1,685,646  | 1,797,165  | 111,519                | 6.62%      |
| Cities         |            |            |            |            |            |                        |            |
| Biscay         | 33,359     | 33,117     | 32,413     | 33,942     | 34,642     | 700                    | 2.06%      |
| Brownton       | 158,582    | 165,810    | 219,940    | 211,889    | 273,652    | 61,763                 | 29.15%     |
| Glencoe        | 2,570,420  | 2,899,496  | 3,207,819  | 3,483,537  | 3,657,102  | 173,565                | 4.98%      |
| Hutchinson     | 9,117,687  | 9,661,581  | 9,999,135  | 10,903,202 | 11,243,553 | 340,351                | 3.12%      |
| Lester Prairie | 723,620    | 851,906    | 906,675    | 1,108,366  | 1,168,776  | 60,410                 | 5.45%      |
| Plato          | 194,421    | 211,095    | 227,036    | 273,598    | 286,357    | 12,759                 | 4.66%      |
| Silver Lake    | 367,973    | 323,941    | 377,884    | 436,643    | 527,291    | 90,648                 | 20.76%     |
| Stewart        | 191,326    | 231,839    | 238,399    | 247,381    | 276,743    | 29,362                 | 11.87%     |
| Winsted        | 1,486,206  | 1,653,241  | 1,666,886  | 1,891,820  | 1,948,730  | 56,910                 | 3.01%      |
| Totals         | 36,317,959 | 36,334,345 | 37,143,094 | 38,608,661 | 40,670,918 | 2,062,257              | 5.34%      |

#### Taxable Market Value, Net Tax Capacity, Tax Increment Capacity, and Local Tax Rate

|                               | Actual<br>2011 | Actual<br>2012 | Actual<br>2013 | Actual<br>2014 | Actual<br>2015 | Actual<br>2016 | Actual<br>2017 | Actual<br>2018 | Actual<br>2019 | Proposed 2020 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| A. Taxable Market Value       | 3,478,412,000  | 3,139,603,800  | 3,144,089,900  | 3,428,866,500  | 3,807,159,900  | 3,897,475,300  | 3,808,974,200  | 3,830,315,400  | 3,889,309,100  | 4,103,266,000 |
| B. Total Net Tax Capacity     | 34,046,577     | 30,682,870     | 30,651,501     | 32,954,811     | 35,892,128     | 36,750,138     | 36,767,651     | 37,510,567     | 38,875,623     | 40,968,762    |
| C. Tax Increment              | 418,970        | 450,203        | 407,452        | 402,887        | 393,832        | 432,179        | 433,306        | 367,473        | 266,962        | 297,844       |
| D. Local Taxable Tax Capacity | 33,627,607     | 30,232,667     | 30,244,049     | 32,551,924     | 35,498,296     | 36,317,959     | 36,334,345     | 37,143,094     | 38,608,661     | 40,670,918    |
| E. Local Tax Rate             | 54.722%        | 60.901%        | 60.854%        | 56.497%        | 51.761%        | 51.986%        | 54.593%        | 57.140%        | 58.888%        | 60.908%       |

B - C = D (Local Taxable Tax Capacity)



McLeod County 10 year local tax rate average is 56.825% 2011 - 2015: no levy increases, yet the rates fluctuated due to the decrease in TMV and/or NTC

## **How To Calculate A Property Tax**

#### \*\*\* Example \*\*\*

- 1. Market Value of 100,000 classified as Residential Homestead.
- 2. Calculate the Tax Capacity, reducing it by the Market Value Exclusion:

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The first 76,000 \times 40\% = 30,400

100,000 - 76,000 = 24,000

24,000 \times 9\% = 2,160

30,400 - 2,160 = 28,240 (Market Value Exclusion Amount)

100,000 - 28,240 = 71,760 (Taxable Market Value)

71,760 \times 1.00\% = 718
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(718 equals the net tax capacity)

3. Determine the Tax Rate:

Assume the property is located in the City of Glencoe, in the GSL School District #2859, and in Buffalo Creek Watershed (005). The proposed payable 2020 local tax rate is 153.8170%, and the proposed payable 2020 market value referenda rate is 0.11406%.

4. Calculate the Gross Tax (excluding special assessments):

## **Residential Homestead Market Value Exclusion**

Eligible Property - All homestead property less than \$413,800 in value will receive a Homestead Market Value Exclusion; property classified as follows: Residential Homestead, Blind/Paraplegic Veteran/Disabled Homestead, House, Garage and One Acre Only (does not apply to any other land or buildings). Homestead property no longer receives a credit that reduces the property taxes paid. Instead, a portion of the homestead's property value will be excluded from taxation.

**Exclusion Provisions** - The Homestead Market Value Exclusion excludes from taxation 40% of the value on the first \$76,000 of a property's value. The amount excluded is reduced as the value rises above \$76,000 (the exclusion reduction is equal to 9% of the value above \$76,000). Homesteads valued more than \$413,800 will receive no homestead exclusion.

#### Calculation Example: Residential Homestead Market Value of 100,000

76,000 x 40% = 30,400 100,000 - 76,000 = 24,000 24,000 x 9% = 2,160 30,400 - 2,160 = 28,240 (Market Value Exclusion Amount) 100,000 - 28,240 = 71,760 (Taxable Market Value)

## **Agricultural Homestead Market Value Credit**

**Eligible Property** - Agricultural Homestead Property Excluding House, Garage and One Acre (house, garage, and one acre receive the residential homestead credit). (Does not apply to non-homestead agricultural buildings and land or to timberlands).

*Credit Provisions* - Rate 0.30% of taxable market value excluding house, garage, and one acre of the first 115,000 of taxable market value, with an additional credit of 0.10% of market value above 115,000. **The maximum credit is \$490.00.** The maximum credit occurs at 260,000 of market value. Homesteads with land value of less than 115,000 would see no change in the amount of the credit.

Credit

#### Calculation Procedure: 200,000 Total Taxable Market Value

**Taxable Market Value** 

| Up to and including 115,000        | 115,000 x 0.30% = \$345.00           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Over 115,000 but less than 260,000 | 85,000 x 0.10% = \$85.00             |
| Total Credit                       | \$345.00 + \$85.00 = <u>\$430.00</u> |

## **School Building Bond Agricultural Credit**

## Credit Increased for Taxes Payable 2020

#### **Background**

During the 2017 legislative session, Minnesota enacted the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit. In some school districts, the tax base can be heavily dependent on agricultural land. In recent years, school districts with a large share of farm land have had less success passing capital referenda than those with less farm land. The school bond credit provides tax relief for owners of farm land in districts with bonded debt levies. It aims to help school districts have more success in passing capital referenda to fund new schools or school renovations. The credit was established at a 40% rate of a qualifying agricultural property's NTC multiplied by the school debt tax rate.

**Eligible Property** - The School Building Bond Agricultural Credit applies to all property classified as 2a (agricultural land), 2b (rural vacant land) and 2c (managed forest land), excluding the house, garage and surrounding 1 acre of land of an agricultural homestead.

**Credit Provisions** - The credit has been increased to 50% of the qualifying property's Net Tax Capacity (NTC) multiplied by the school debt tax rate. The credit applies to all school debt levies, whether or not they are voter-approved.

#### Calculation Procedure: 211,000 Total Taxable Market Value

| Total Taxable Market Value               |          | 211,000.00 |          |
|--|----------|------------|----------|
| Property Classification Rate             | Х        | 1.0000%    |          |
| Net Tax Capacity                         |          | 2,110.00   |          |
| School Building Bond Credit Factor       | <u> </u> | 50%        | 1,055.00 |
| School District General Debt Rate        |          | X          | 16.452%  |
| School Building Bond Agricultural Credit |          | \$         | 173.57   |

#### School District Debt Rates:

| Final<br>Payable 2019 | Proposed Payable 2020  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 14.0550%              | 16.4520%   |
| 6.7800%               | 6.3290%  |
| 12.5690%              | 12.0420%   |
| 0.0000%               | 0.0000%  |
| 1.8690%               | 1.9380%  |
| 29.7430%              | 28.1320%   |
| 9.9180%               | 9.9230%  |
|                       | Payable 2019  14.0550% 6.7800% 12.5690% 0.0000% 1.8690% 29.7430% |

## **Statewide General Tax**

#### **Background**

During the 2001 legislative session, Minnesota enacted the first state property tax since taxes payable in 1967. The tax is only on certain properties and is part of a property tax reform law. Revenue from the new tax will be deposited in the state general fund with some of the money earmarked specifically for education funding.

#### Is my property affected by the state general tax?

In general, there are three types of property that must pay the state general tax:

- 1. Commercial, industrial and public utility property exclusive of electric generating machinery.
- 2. Seasonal recreational property, including cabins.
- 3. Unmined iron ore property.

#### How much is the tax?

There are various factors that will determine how much tax you pay. Some of the factors are the market value and type (class) of property you have and the state tax rate.

Generally speaking, the higher the value of your property, the greater that state tax. However, the taxes on a non-commercial cabin are calculated a little differently than taxes on other affected properties.

The first \$76,000 in market value of a cabin will be taxed differently for state property tax purposes than it is for local property tax purposes. For example, if you have a cabin valued at \$100,000, only 40% of the first \$76,000 of market value would be subject to the new tax and the remaining \$24,000 would be taxed at its full value.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue calculates the tax rate annually. Each year there will be different rates however, there are only one set of rates for the entire State of Minnesota. The rate will be set each year on November 1. For taxes payable 2020 the preliminary commercial-industrial state general levy property tax rate is 39.000% and the preliminary seasonal residential recreational state general levy property tax rate is 19.000%. This rate applies to the net tax capacity of the affected properties. Net tax capacity is a small percentage of a properties market value. The percentage varies by property class.

The rate is determined by the relative amount of statewide commercial/industrial, public utility, seasonal recreational, and unmined iron ore property value in relation to the expenditure needs that have been established.

For the first year in 2002, \$592 million needs to be raised from the state tax. Under current law each subsequent year's amount will be increased from the previous year's amount by using the increase (if any) in the implicit price deflator for government consumption expenditures and gross investments published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. This is basically an index of inflation.

#### What is the tax for?

The state property tax will be paid to the County Treasurer at the same time that local property taxes are paid. The payment of state and local property taxes to the County Treasurer is to be a combined payment. Separate payments are not to be made. Unlike other property taxes, the money raised from the state general tax will not go directly to local governments (i.e. counties, cities, school districts, etc.) even though it will be collected with other property taxes. Payments are made to the State three (3) times a year.

Instead, money raised by the tax will be deposited in the state general fund. Beginning in 2004, the money raised beyond the 2004 tax amount will be deposited in an education reserve account. This is the money that was earmarked under the original law for funding education aid or higher education. The state legislature will decide specifically how this money will be spent.

## **State General Levy - Commercial/Industrial Tax Capacity**

Exclusion of First 100,000

#### **Background**

During the 2017 legislative session, Minnesota approved an exclusion of the first 100,000 of market value to provide tax relief to small businesses that own property. The state general levy was also reduced to minimize the tax shift implications of this exclusion.

**Eligible Property** - The exclusion from the state general levy of the first 100,000 is to commercial, industrial and some utility market value of each parcel or group of contiguous parcels that is eligible for the first-tier classification rate.

| Prior to the Exclusion Payable 2017 - County Total | \$<br>3,345,661 |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Payable 2018 - County Total                        | \$<br>2,832,644 | \$<br>(513,017)  |
| Payable 2019 - County Total                        | \$<br>2,977,536 | \$<br>(368, 125) |
| Proposed Payable 2020 - County Total               | \$<br>2,737,122 | \$<br>(608,539)  |

#### **State General Levy**

Taxes Payable 2020

#### **Background**

The state general tax base amount was \$592,000,000 when the levy was created for taxes payable 2002 and increased each year for inflation. The total levy had grown to \$863,781,130 for taxes payable 2017.

**Eligible Property** - The state general levy for both 2019 and 2018 commercial-industrial state tax levy used to determine the commercial-industrial rate was \$784,590,000 and the seasonal residential recreational state tax levy used to determine the seasonal residential recreational rate was \$44,190,000. The 2020 commercial-industrial state tax levy used to determine the commercial-industrial rate is \$737,090,000, and the seasonal residential recreational state tax levy used to determine the seasonal residential recreational rate is \$41,690,000.

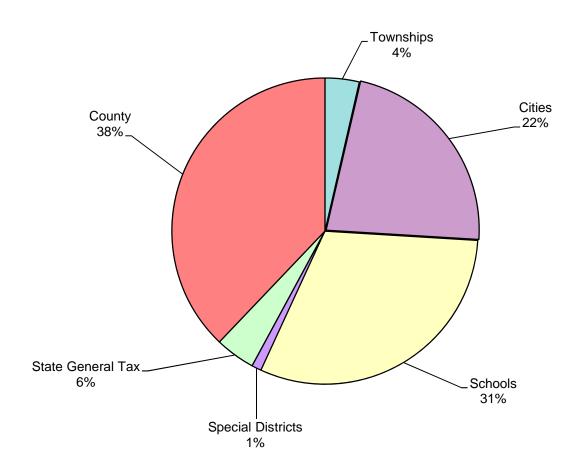
### **History of State General Tax Rates**

|                             |            | Seasonal     |               |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
|                             | Commercial | Residential  | Total         |
|                             | Industrial | Recreational | State General |
|                             | Rate       | Rate         | Rate          |
| Taxes Payable 2018          | 43.865%    | 20.779%      | 64.644%       |
| Taxes Payable 2019          | 42.416%    | 19.962%      | 62.378%       |
| Proposed Taxes Payable 2020 | 39.000%    | 19.000%      | 58.000%       |

## **Net Tax Levies by Taxing Authorities**

|                                      | Final                | Final                | Final              | Proposed           | Percent         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| TOWNSHIPS AND SITIES                 | 2017                 | 2018                 | 2019               | 2020               | of Increase     |
| TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES                 | 050.000              | 050.000              | 050.000            | 050,000            | 0.000/          |
| Acoma Township                       | 258,000              | 258,000              | 258,000            | 258,000            | 0.00%           |
| Bergen Township<br>Collins Township  | 188,000              | 203,000              | 262,200            | 293,000            | 11.75%          |
| Glencoe Township                     | 143,000              | 146,000              | 150,000            | 150,000            | 0.00%           |
| Hale Township                        | 90,000               | 90,000               | 92,500             | 98,500             | 6.49%           |
|                                      | 165,000              | 155,000              | 155,000            | 155,000            | 0.00%           |
| Hassan Valley Township               | 155,000              | 155,000              | 162,000            | 162,000            | 0.00%           |
| Helen Township                       | 190,000              | 215,000              | 215,000            | 215,000            | 0.00%           |
| Hutchinson Township                  | 140,000<br>150,000   | 128,000<br>150,000   | 175,000            | 245,000<br>157,000 | 40.00%<br>0.00% |
| Lynn Township<br>Penn Township       | 110,000              | 110,000              | 157,000<br>110,000 | 110,000            | 0.00%           |
| Rich Valley Township                 | 65,000               | 65,000               | 65,000             | 65,000             | 0.00%           |
| Round Grove Township                 | 95,000               | 90,000               | 85,000             | 85,000             | 0.00%           |
| Sumter Township                      | 115,000              | 125,000              | 125,000            | 135,000            | 8.00%           |
| Winsted Township                     | 206,000              | 206,000              | 218,000            | 222,000            | 1.83%           |
| ·                                    |                      |                      |                    | 21,064             |                 |
| Biscay City Brownton City            | 19,854               | 20,450               | 20,450             |                    | 3.00%<br>5.00%  |
| Glencoe City                         | 427,140              | 427,140<br>2,383,000 | 435,675            | 457,458            |                 |
| Hutchinson City                      | 2,272,000            |                      | 2,545,145          | 2,773,435          | 8.97%           |
| Lester Prairie City                  | 6,951,796<br>742,172 | 7,113,466            | 7,310,005          | 7,537,908          | 3.12%<br>25.62% |
|                                      | ,                    | 757,015              | 824,212            | 1,035,393          |                 |
| Plato City                           | 205,530              | 205,530              | 217,860            | 230,932            | 6.00%           |
| Silver Lake City                     | 480,127              | 500,726              | 519,250            | 549,903            | 5.90%           |
| Stewart City                         | 404,564              | 412,655              | 418,845            | 431,410            | 3.00%           |
| Winsted City SCHOOL DISTRICTS        | 1,213,855            | 1,274,601            | 1,362,889          | 1,494,360          | 9.65%           |
| #0423-Hutchinson                     | 4,291,356            | 4,302,800            | 4,238,050          | 4,930,923          | 16.35%          |
| #0424-Lester Prairie                 | 309,674              | 302,204              | 424,136            | 449,714            | 6.03%           |
| #2159-Buffalo Lake Hector            | 453,498              | 552,048              | 581,213            | 531,965            | -8.47%          |
| #2365-Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop        | 1,204,988            | 1,164,080            | 1,096,402          | 1,094,527          | -0.17%          |
| #2687-Howard Lake Waverly Winsted    | 3,616,791            | 3,598,780            | 3,635,887          | 3,765,336          | 3.56%           |
| #2859-Glencoe Silver Lake            | 2,421,398            | 2,416,030            | 2,513,826          | 2,651,141          | 5.46%           |
| COUNTY                               | 2,721,000            | 2,410,000            | 2,010,020          | 2,001,171          | 0.4070          |
| Revenue                              | 11,365,342           | 11,478,468           | 12,476,669         | 13,707,783         | 9.87%           |
| Road & Bridge                        | 3,262,097            | 3,280,153            | 3,780,153          | 3,780,153          | 0.00%           |
| Human Services                       | 3,837,076            | 4,930,826            | 4,979,037          | 5,248,364          | 5.41%           |
| Trailblazer Transit                  | 50,000               | 205,650              | 157,439            | 174,930            | 11.11%          |
| Pioneerland Library                  | 194,217              | 198,217              | 204,164            | 208,247            | 2.00%           |
| Capital Improvement Plan 2014        | 437,259              | 436,315              | 434,897            | 388,277            | -10.72%         |
| Capital Equipment Notes 2016         | 264,705              | 262,395              | 259,665            | 0                  | -100.00%        |
| Capital Improvement Plan 2018 & 2019 | 322,568              | 322,568              | 322,568            | 1,120,563          | 247.39%         |
| Total County                         | 19,733,264           | 21,114,592           | 22,614,592         | 24,628,317         | 8.90%           |
| SPECIAL DISTRICTS                    | ,,                   | _ :,: : :,::=        | ,_,,,,,            | _ :,==;;=          |                 |
| Buffalo Creek Watershed              | 181,278              | 183,510              | 126,473            | 165,752            | 31.06%          |
| High Island Watershed                | 35,088               | 31,483               | 30,826             | 33,800             | 9.65%           |
| Hutchinson EDA                       | 163,046              | 169,200              | 182,303            | 189,133            | 3.75%           |
| Hutchinson HRA                       | 166,373              | 171,364              | 186,023            | 192,993            | 3.75%           |
| Region 6E                            | 72,323               | 74,892               | 78,564             | 83,647             | 6.47%           |
| Total Tax Capacity Levies            | 47,436,115           | 49,271,566           | 51,592,326         | 55,599,611         | 7.77%           |
| MARKET VALUE LEVY SCHOOL DISTR       |                      |                      | ,==,==             |                    |                 |
| #0423-Hutchinson                     | 2,274,118            | 2,664,265            | 2,837,617          | 2,734,992          | -3.62%          |
| #0424-Lester Prairie                 | 485,149              | 505,436              | 543,737            | 594,484            | 9.33%           |
| #2159-Buffalo Lake Hector            | 580,257              | 560,443              | 569,052            | 483,414            | -15.05%         |
| #2365-Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop        | 475,518              | 564,239              | 583,667            | 601,928            | 3.13%           |
| #2687-Howard Lake Waverly Winsted    | 861,600              | 793,498              | 1,028,979          | 1,148,556          | 11.62%          |
| #2859-Glencoe Silver Lake            | 1,129,466            | 1,250,640            | 1,164,074          | 1,092,920          | -6.11%          |
| Total Market Value Levies            | 5,806,108            | 6,338,521            | 6,727,126          | 6,656,294          | -1.05%          |
| Grand Total Levies                   | 53,242,223           | 55,610,087           | 58,319,452         | 62,255,905         | 6.75%           |

## Where Do Your Property Tax Dollars Go?



#### **All Taxing Authorities in McLeod County**

| Townships         | 2,350,500     |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Cities            | 14,531,863    |
| Schools           | 20,079,900    |
| Special Districts | 665,325       |
| State General Tax | 2,737,122     |
| County            | 24,628,317    |
| Total             | \$ 64,993,027 |

## **Rate Comparison by Taxing Authorities**

|   | Final<br>2017 | Final<br>2018 | Final<br>2019 | Proposed<br>2020 | Percent of Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES                    | <u>.</u>      |               |               |                  |                   |
| Acoma Township                          | 14.959%       | 14.842%       | 14.177%       | 13.042%          | -1.135%           |
| Bergen Township                         | 11.542%       | 12.218%       | 15.814%       | 16.906%          | 1.092%            |
| Collins Township                        | 11.319%       | 11.674%       | 12.743%       | 11.809%          | -0.934%           |
| Glencoe Township                        | 6.897%        | 6.990%        | 7.475%        | 7.375%           | -0.100%           |
| Hale Township                           | 11.208%       | 10.093%       | 10.249%       | 9.743%           | -0.506%           |
| Hassan Valley Township                  | 10.395%       | 10.828%       | 11.938%       | 11.274%          | -0.664%           |
| Helen Township                          | 11.132%       | 12.182%       | 11.431%       | 10.942%          | -0.489%           |
| Hutchinson Township                     | 7.450%        | 6.933%        | 9.225%        | 12.354%          | 3.129%            |
| Lynn Township                           | 13.686%       | 13.964%       | 15.219%       | 14.195%          | -1.024%           |
| Penn Township                           | 10.097%       | 10.571%       | 11.536%       | 10.821%          | -0.715%           |
| Rich Valley Township                    | 4.796%        | 4.690%        | 4.851%        | 4.634%           | -0.217%           |
| Round Grove Township                    | 7.505%        | 7.668%        | 8.173%        | 7.571%           | -0.602%           |
| Sumter Township                         | 8.140%        | 8.613%        | 8.756%        | 9.021%           | 0.265%            |
| Winsted Township (average of districts) | 12.448%       | 12.455%       | 12.630%       | 11.797%          | -0.832%           |
| Biscay City                             | 59.952%       | 63.092%       | 60.250%       | 61.025%          | 0.775%            |
| Brownton City                           | 257.608%      | 194.208%      | 205.615%      | 167.168%         | -38.447%          |
| Glencoe City                            | 78.359%       | 74.287%       | 73.062%       | 75.883%          | 2.821%            |
| Hutchinson City                         | 71.953%       | 71.141%       | 67.045%       | 67.070%          | 0.025%            |
| Lester Prairie City                     | 87.118%       | 83.494%       | 74.363%       | 88.695%          | 14.332%           |
| Plato City                              | 97.996%       | 91.038%       | 79.967%       | 81.084%          | 1.117%            |
| Silver Lake City                        | 148.214%      | 132.508%      | 118.918%      | 104.402%         | -14.516%          |
| Stewart City                            | 185.363%      | 183.023%      | 177.689%      | 163.871%         | -13.818%          |
| Winsted City                            | 73.423%       | 76.466%       | 72.041%       | 76.817%          | 4.776%            |
| SCHOOL DISTRICTS                        |               |               |               |                  |                   |
| #0423-Hutchinson                        | 25.728%       | 25.442%       | 23.767%       | 26.521%          | 2.754%            |
| #0424-Lester Prairie                    | 11.329%       | 10.650%       | 13.813%       | 13.863%          | 0.050%            |
| #0465-Litchfield                        | 25.670%       | 19.457%       | 17.873%       | 18.099%          | 0.226%            |
| #2159-Buffalo Lake Hector               | 3.432%        | 4.427%        | 4.933%        | 4.393%           | -0.540%           |
| #2365-Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop           | 7.260%        | 7.461%        | 7.082%        | 6.675%           | -0.407%           |
| #2687-Howard Lake Waverly Winsted       | 41.029%       | 39.516%       | 36.747%       | 35.795%          | -0.952%           |
| #2859-Glencoe Silver Lake               | 17.362%       | 16.657%       | 16.992%       | 16.851%          | -0.141%           |
| COUNTY                                  |               |               |               |                  |                   |
| McLeod                                  | 54.593%       | 57.140%       | 58.888%       | 60.908%          | 2.020%            |
| SPECIAL DISTRICTS                       |               |               |               |                  |                   |
| Buffalo Creek Watershed                 | 1.929%        | 1.867%        | 1.258%        | 1.551%           | 0.293%            |
| High Island Watershed                   | 1.823%        | 1.732%        | 1.868%        | 1.899%           | 0.031%            |
| Hutchinson EDA                          | 1.688%        | 1.692%        | 1.672%        | 1.683%           | 0.011%            |
| Hutchinson HRA                          | 1.722%        | 1.714%        | 1.706%        | 1.717%           | 0.011%            |
| Region 6E                               | 0.199%        | 0.202%        | 0.203%        | 0.206%           | 0.003%            |
| MARKET VALUE LEVY SCHOOL DISTR          | ICTS          |               |               |                  |                   |
| #0423-Hutchinson                        | 0.18490%      | 0.20901%      | 0.20660%      | 0.19180%         | -0.01480%         |
| #0424-Lester Prairie                    | 0.25301%      | 0.24522%      | 0.23459%      | 0.24464%         | 0.01005%          |
| #0465-Litchfield                        | 0.12179%      | 0.12948%      | 0.12566%      | 0.12694%         | 0.00128%          |
| #2159-Buffalo Lake Hector               | 0.26535%      | 0.24747%      | 0.24909%      | 0.20214%         | -0.04695%         |
| #2365-Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop           | 0.14755%      | 0.16498%      | 0.16388%      | 0.15679%         | -0.00709%         |
| #2687-Howard Lake Waverly Winsted       | 0.13175%      | 0.11598%      | 0.13512%      | 0.14079%         | 0.00567%          |
| #2859-Glencoe Silver Lake               | 0.14713%      | 0.14715%      | 0.12760%      | 0.11406%         | -0.01354%         |

# **Proposed Levies by County Comparison to Neighboring Counties**

|             | 2018       | Pay 2019   | Pay 2020   | \$        | %      | Levy   | Ranking |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|
|             | Estimated  | Final      | Proposed   | Change    | Change | Per    | Per     |
| COUNTY NAME | Population | Levy       | Levy       | Levy      | Levy   | Capita | Capita  |
| CARVER      | 103,551    | 56,264,855 | 59,073,855 | 2,809,000 | 5.0%   | 570    | 11      |
| MCLEOD      | 35,873     | 22,614,592 | 24,628,317 | 2,013,725 | 8.9%   | 687    | 29      |
| MEEKER      | 23,141     | 14,707,944 | 15,075,338 | 367,394   | 2.5%   | 651    | 43      |
| RENVILLE    | 14,612     | 14,457,590 | 14,933,817 | 476,227   | 3.3%   | 1,022  | 57      |
| SIBLEY      | 15,028     | 14,066,393 | 15,305,489 | 1,239,096 | 8.8%   | 1,018  | 56      |
| WRIGHT      | 136,349    | 73,411,489 | 78,452,987 | 5,041,498 | 6.9%   | 575    | 10      |

| McLeod Per Capita | 2016      | 2017      | 2017 2018 |           | 2020      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Levy and Ranking  | \$ 523 21 | \$ 549 23 | \$ 589 25 | \$ 630 27 | \$ 687 29 |

# Proposed Levies by County Comparison to Similar Population

|             | 2018       | Pay 2019   | Pay 2020   | \$        | %      | Levy   | Ranking |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|
|             | Estimated  | Final      | Proposed   | Change    | Change | Per    | Per     |
| COUNTY NAME | Population | Levy       | Levy       | Levy      | Levy   | Capita | Capita  |
| MORRISON    | 33,169     | 18,853,006 | 19,094,153 | 241,147   | 1.3%   | 576    | 33      |
| NICOLLET    | 34,220     | 21,822,197 | 22,971,286 | 1,149,089 | 5.3%   | 671    | 32      |
| BECKER      | 34,371     | 21,308,052 | 21,946,080 | 638,028   | 3.0%   | 639    | 31      |
| CARLTON     | 35,837     | 27,429,683 | 28,500,249 | 1,070,566 | 3.9%   | 795    | 30      |
| MCLEOD      | 35,873     | 22,614,592 | 24,628,317 | 2,013,725 | 8.9%   | 687    | 29      |
| STEELE      | 36,803     | 24,785,085 | 25,776,488 | 991,403   | 4.0%   | 700    | 28      |
| DOUGLAS     | 37,964     | 27,240,300 | 29,000,000 | 1,759,700 | 6.5%   | 764    | 27      |
| ISANTI      | 39,966     | 21,768,179 | 23,262,983 | 1,494,804 | 6.9%   | 582    | 26      |
| MOWER       | 40,011     | 21,815,187 | 22,578,719 | 763,532   | 3.5%   | 564    | 25      |

# **Proposed Tax Rates by County Comparison to Neighboring Counties**

|             | Pay 2017 | Pay 2018 | Pay 2019 | Pay 2020 |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|             | Final    | Final    | Final    | Proposed |
| COUNTY NAME | Tax Rate | Tax Rate | Tax Rate | Tax Rate |
| CARVER      | 38.851%  | 37.436%  | 36.422%  | 35.121%  |
| MCLEOD      | 54.593%  | 57.140%  | 58.863%  | 60.908%  |
| MEEKER      | 48.415%  | 48.683%  | 47.764%  | 48.350%  |
| RENVILLE    | 31.914%  | 33.945%  | 36.996%  | 37.904%  |
| SIBLEY      | 48.909%  | 52.484%  | 52.572%  | 52.339%  |
| WRIGHT      | 39.599%  | 39.946%  | 44.273%  | 44.393%  |

# 2019 Final and 2020 Proposed - Tax Impact Samples by Classification

|                 | 2018 Final          | 2019 Final          | 2018-2019           | 2020 Proposed       | 2019-2020           |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                 | Total Tax           | Total Tax           | Percent             | Total Tax           | Percent             |
|                 | Excluding           | Excluding           | Amount Increase     | Excluding           | Amount Increase     |
|                 | Taxable Special     | Taxable Special     | Increase or or      | Taxable Special     | Increase or or      |
|                 | Market Value Assmts | Market Value Assmts | (Decrease) Decrease | Market Value Assmts | (Decrease) Decrease |
|                 |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| AG HOMESTEAD    |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 12.012.0600     | 1,310,100 \$ 5,086  | 1,150,400 \$ 4,558  | (528.00) -10.38%    | 1,235,800 \$ 4,972  | 414.00 9.08%        |
| 10.011.0500     | 972,800 \$ 8,032    | 855,800 \$ 7,266    | (766.00) -9.54%     | 919,300 \$ 7,848    | 582.00 8.01%        |
| 13.016.0500     | 956,800 \$ 3,856    | 841,300 \$ 3,456    | (400.00) -10.37%    | 903,900 \$ 3,778    | 322.00 9.32%        |
| 01.010.0900     | 349,300 \$ 1,104    | 301,400 \$ 888      | (216.00) -19.57%    | 322,100 \$ 998      | 110.00 12.39%       |
| 02.035.1000     | 142,800 \$ 1,144    | 126,900 \$ 1,108    | (36.00) -3.15%      | 136,500 \$ 1,232    | 124.00 11.19%       |
|                 |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                 | _                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| AG NON-HOMESTEA |                     | 040,000 (\$ 7,004)  | (4 000 00) 40 440/  | 070 500   \$ 0.045  | 404.00 5.470/       |
| 14.006.0400     | 929,500 \$ 8,973    | 818,900 \$ 7,884    | (1,089.00) -12.14%  | 878,500 \$ 8,315    | 431.00 5.47%        |
| 06.030.0400     | 470,200 \$ 4,100    | 413,500 \$ 3,688    | (412.00) -10.05%    | 443,900 \$ 4,026    | 338.00 9.16%        |
| 08.001.0950     | 469,700 \$ 3,913    | 410,600 \$ 3,551    | (362.00) -9.25%     | 440,500 \$ 4,042    | 491.00 13.83%       |
| 10.028.0700     | 305,500 \$ 2,278    | 266,700 \$ 2,053    | (225.00) -9.88%     | 286,100 \$ 2,222    | 169.00 8.23%        |
| 12.028.0900     | 245,500 \$ 1,760    | 214,300 \$ 1,578    | (182.00) -10.34%    | 229,900 \$ 1,710    | 132.00 8.37%        |
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| RESIDENTIAL     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 22.011.1500     | 161,000 \$ 2,658    | 174,600 \$ 2,844    | 186.00 7.00%        | 181,900 \$ 3,026    | 182.00 6.40%        |
| 23.482.0010     | 294,100 \$ 5,226    | 321,000 \$ 5,561    | 335.00 6.41%        | 333,800 \$ 5,891    | 330.00 5.93%        |
| 07.008.0400     | 136,000 \$ 1,432    | 141,200 \$ 1,462    | 30.00 2.09%         | 149,100 \$ 1,544    | 82.00 5.61%         |
| 20.065.0070     | 67,500 \$ 1,846     | 78,300 \$ 2,112     | 266.00 14.41%       | 101,300 \$ 2,532    | 420.00 19.89%       |
| 03.023.0400     | 161,500 \$ 1,682    | 167,500 \$ 1,749    | 67.00 3.98%         | 169,800 \$ 1,767    | 18.00 1.03%         |
| 13.010.0300     | 125,200 \$ 1,254    | 153,300 \$ 1,524    | 270.00 21.53%       | 153,300 \$ 1,532    | 8.00 0.52%          |
| 19.050.0200     | 88,300 \$ 1,966     | 103,000 \$ 2,146    | 180.00 9.16%        | 132,500 \$ 2,566    | 420.00 19.57%       |
| 17.050.1030     | 61,000 \$ 1,142     | 73,500 \$ 1,318     | 176.00 15.41%       | 77,200 \$ 1,516     | 198.00 15.02%       |
| 01.009.0400     | 249,800 \$ 2,990    | 277,300 \$ 3,288    | 298.00 9.97%        | 296,500 \$ 3,572    | 284.00 8.64%        |
| 16.052.0130     | 63,700 \$ 1,822     | 59,300 \$ 1,758     | (64.00) -3.51%      | 80,300 \$ 2,070     | 312.00 17.75%       |
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| COMMERCIAL      |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 23.276.0010     | 363,300 \$ 13,130   | 418,600 \$ 15,052   | 1,922.00 14.64%     | 522,500 \$ 19,422   | 4,370.00 29.03%     |
| 19.050.0060     | 167,200 \$ 6,004    | 182,400 \$ 6,400    | 396.00 6.60%        | 182,400 \$ 5,976    | (424.00) -6.63%     |
| 17.050.1280     | 112,600 \$ 2,908    | 128,700 \$ 3,318    | 410.00 14.10%       | 108,400 \$ 2,968    | (350.00) -10.55%    |
| 20.031.0625     | 103,100 \$ 3,963    | 103,100 \$ 3,929    | (34.00) -0.86%      | 103,100 \$ 3,701    | (228.00) -5.80%     |
| 22.050.0810     | 82,300 \$ 1,954     | 80,400 \$ 1,896     | (58.00) -2.97%      | 95,200 \$ 2,306     | 410.00 21.62%       |
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#### TAX GLOSSARY

**ABATEMENT** - A reduction or decrease in taxable value that results in a reduction of taxes after an assessment and levy.

ACRE - A measure of land, equal to 160 square rods (43,560 square feet) in any shape.

AD VALOREM TAX - Tax are determined based on the value of a property.

**ASSESSMENT YEAR** - The year as of which the assessments are based. The valuation and classification of a property is based upon it's status on January 2, for taxes payable in the following year for Real Estate and Personal Property. Taxes payable on Manufactured Homes are based on the assessment on January 2, of the payable year.

**BUDGET YEAR** - Same as payable year except for school districts. School districts budget using a fiscal year that begins July 1st. The tax levied by a school district in 2017 for taxes payable in 2018 is for the 2018/2019 school year.

**CLASS RATE** - The percentage by which a property's market value is multiplied to arrive at its "net tax capacity" or taxable value, subject to the local tax rate. Classification, with its set of class rates, redefines the tax base and results in a redistribution of taxes among different kinds of properties.

**CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY** - Identifies the type of property, such as residential, agricultural, commercial, etc. based upon the use of the property.

**DEBT SERVICE FUNDS** - A fund to account for the collection of resources and payment of long-term debt principal and interest.

**DISPARITY REDUCTION AID** - A general purpose aid program designed to assist in the equalization of local tax rates.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Expenditures related to providing financed and operated in a manner similar to private business, e.g., hospitals and nursing homes. The expenses of providing services are primarily financed by user charges.

**EDUCATION AID** - The total amount of state dollars paid for K-12 education. This aid is paid to the school districts.

**EDUCATION HOMESTEAD CREDIT** - A state-paid credit to reduce the school districts tax paid by homestead. First available for taxes payable in 1998. Repealed in the 2001 tax bill.

**ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE (EMV)** - Represents the assessor's estimate of the property's actual market value. Market value is defined as the most probable price that a well-informed buyer would pay a well-informed seller for a property without either party being unduly forced to buy or sell. All properties must be physically inspected in person at least once every five years.

**FISCAL DISPARITY** - Program (M.S. 473F) which provides for tax base sharing within the seven county metro area. Each municipality contributes 40% of the growth of its commercial/industrial tax base since 1971 to the seven county pool. This pool is then redistributed based on relative fiscal capacity. A percentage of the property tax on each commercial/industrial parcel is based on the seven county area wide rate.

**GENERAL FUND** (also known as the Revenue Fund) -The fund used to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund. This fund is the main operating fund.

**GREEN ACRES** - A real estate parcel of at least 10 acres, the owner of which is engaged in agricultural pursuits and otherwise qualifies for a deferment of assessment and taxes payable; intended to preserve farmland from the pressures of development.

**HOMESTEAD** - For property tax purposes, homestead is a tax benefit granted to property owners (or qualifying relatives) who are Minnesota residents and who own and occupy their homes as their primary place of residence.

**HOMESTEAD AND AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AID (HACA)** - A state program that replaces the former homestead credit programs and the agricultural credit program starting in 1990. It is a property tax relief program determined by formula and paid to local governments before taxes are levied. Effective for payable in 2002 and future years HACA was eliminated for cities, townships, school districts, and special taxing districts.

**HUMAN SERVICES** - Human services expenditures are designed to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals economically unable to provide for their own essential needs. Typical expenditures include social services and income maintenance.

**LEVY** - The amount of money that a taxing district needs to raise through property taxes.

**LEVY LIMITS** - State-imposed limits on the dollar amounts that can be levied by counties and cities and townships over 2,500 population.

**LEVYING UNITS** - In Minnesota, property taxes are levied by counties, cities, townships, school districts and special districts, which may included metro government agencies, hospital boards, watershed districts, transit authorities, park boards, and housing and redevelopment authorities, etc.

**LIBRARIES** - Expenditures include the purchase of reference materials and books, reference services to patrons, cataloging of materials, and general administration of the library.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID (LGA)** - Money (in the form of general distribution aid) provided to cities and townships for property tax relief. Effective payable year 2002 and future years townships and small cities lost their LGA.

**LOCAL TAX RATE** - The tax rate usually expressed as a percentage of tax capacity, used to determine the property tax due on a piece of property.

MARKET VALUE REFERENDA RATE - Rate applied to the taxable market value of a property to calculate the market value referenda tax, for certain referendum levies which are based on market value instead of tax capacity.

**NET PROPERTY TAX** - As opposed to "gross property tax" - property tax after accounting for state aids and tax credits.

**NET TAX LEVY** - The property taxes, net of state property tax relief aids or grants, required to be paid by the property owners of the county.

**PAYABLE YEAR** - Year in which tax statements are issued and taxes become payable on May 15 and October 15 for real estate. Agricultural property has until November 15.

**PROPERTY TAX** - Generally a tax levied on both real and personal property; the amount of the tax is dependent on the value of the property.

**PROPERTY TAX REFUND** - A partial property tax refund program for those who have property taxes out of proportion with their income. This program is available to homeowners and renters.

ROAD AND BRIDGE - Streets and highways current expenditures are for the maintenance and repair of local highways, street, bridges, and street equipment. Common expenditures include patching, seal coating, and snow removal. Streets and highways expenditures cover expenditures on all county highways, including county state aid highways. Streets and highways capital outlays include construction and equipment purchases.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT** - An amount for improvements (such as streets, etc.) as certified by each municipality, which directly benefit the property are shown as a separate item on the tax statement. A levy made against certain properties to defray all or part of the costs of a specific improvement, such as new sewer and water mains, deemed to benefit primarily those properties.

**STATE AIDS** - Aid given to a local unit of government to be used only for a specific purpose. The state contends that individual taxes would be higher than shown on tax statements if it were not for the LGA, HACA, and DRA. The presumed amount of aid is indicated for each parcel on line 4 of your property tax statement.

**TAX BASE** - Total value of taxable property within the community.

**TAX CAPACITY** - A parcel's taxable market value multiplied by the class rate for that type of property. Formerly known as assessed value.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)** - Districts created by municipalities to create fund improvements which increase market values of the properties in the district. The taxes generated by the increased market value are "captured" by the TIF District to finance project development or redevelopment costs.

**TAX RATE (INITIAL)** - The percent of the total taxable value of property needed to achieve the dollar amounts levied by the respective local units (levy/tax capacity = tax rate)

**TAX RATE (LOCAL)** - Rate applied to the tax capacity of a property to calculate the tax. Formerly known as mill rate.

**TAX RATE TOTAL** - The rate arrived at by summing the tax rates of all the units in the area authorized to levy taxes on a particular parcel of property.

**TAXABLE TAX CAPACITY** - The tax capacity less the tax increment district value, less the fiscal disparities contribution value, plus the fiscal disparities distribution value.

**THIS OLD HOUSE** - An exemption from property tax for all or a portion of the value of improvements made to homes at least 45 years old, designed to provide owners of older and deteriorated homes with an incentive to restore or renovate their house.

**TOWNSHIP** - A territorial division of land established by federal survey that is six miles square and contains thirty-six sections, each one mile square.

**TRUTH-IN-TAXATION** - State law providing for notices of proposed taxes for the up coming year to taxpayers and for public budget hearings.

## **APPENDIX**

#### Resources

Minnesota Department of Revenue

Minnesota Department of Revenue Property Tax Division Mail Station 3340 St. Paul. MN 55146-3340

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