

Map Supplement: Explanation of Sales Tax Categories

The total sales tax rate at any locality in Texas consists of a 6.25% state tax, and a combination of city, county and special purpose district (SPD) taxes that cannot together exceed 2.00% (.02 cents per \$1). Monies from within several tax categories can be used to fund transit projects/operations, whether directly through a Metropolitan Transit Authority tax or through funds committed by cities.

The categories that can be used for transit include State, City General, County, 4A, MTA/CTA/CTD/ATD, and any unallocated amounts (2.00% minus any additional existing taxes beyond the state tax). The map prepared by CAPCOG for the Regional Transit Coordination Committee displays pie charts for each incorporated city wherein the size of each pie slice is proportional to the percentage of each category beyond the 6.25% state tax. Additional information is available from the Office of the Texas Comptroller or by visiting, <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/local/index.html>.

Category	Permissible Rates	Acronym(s)	Use	Can be used for transit?
Unallocated	.02 minus any existing taxes beyond state tax		Wide variety of potential uses	Y
State	.0625		Wide variety of potential uses	Y
City General	.01		Can be imposed by any incorporated city. Revenues are deposited into the general revenue fund for any purpose.	Y
County	.00125 - .01		Funds important public services, projects and programs. Can be created when the combined rate of all local sales taxes within the proposed district < 2%.	?
Property Relief	.00125, .0025, .005	PTTAX	Can be imposed by any incorporated city. (exceptions in certain counties with rapid transit systems). Revenues are deposited into the general revenue fund	?
Economic Development-Section 4A	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	4A	Can be imposed by any incorporated city. Revenues must be turned over to a development corp. formed to act on behalf of the city in carrying out programs related to industrial development and the promotion of new and expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs.	Y
Economic Development-Section 4B	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	4B	Can be imposed by any incorporated city. Revenues must be turned over to a development corp. formed to act on behalf of the city in carrying out programs related to a wide variety of projects including public parks and business development.	?
Library District	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005		Created by the county to enable students and others in underserved areas to access information resources.	N
Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Districts	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	ESD, EMS	Cities with a population between 25,000 and 550,000, or more than 1.9 million may create an EMS District to provide emergency services.	N
Street Maintenance Repair	.00125, .0025	SMR	Repair and maintain existing city streets. Cannot be used for new streets.	N
Sport Community Venue	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	SCV	Available to a city to fund sports and community venue (stadiums, convention centers, parks) projects.	N
Crime Control and Prevention District	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005		Can be imposed by a city located in a county with a population >5,000 or a county with a population >130,000. Used to fund a wide variety of crime control and prevention programs.	N
Metropolitan and Rapid Transit Authorities/ Municipal Transit Departments	.0025, .00375, .005, .01	MTA, CTD, CTA, ATD	For providing transportation services generally within metropolitan areas.	Y
Municipal Development District	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	MD	Can be imposed by a city to undertake a variety of projects including a convention center, civic center, auditorium, and other projects.	?
Municipal Development Corporation	.00125, .0025, .00375 or .005	MD	Can be imposed by a city to undertake a variety of projects to provide job training, early childhood education, after school programs, scholarships, and literacy promotion.	?