

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

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**SUBJECT: PEER TAX RATE COMPARISON**

This budget response provides a comparison of the proposed tax rates and exemptions between Fort Worth and its peer cities, as compared to the prior year. The following two tables compare Fort Worth to the top fifteen DFW Metroplex cities by population and the top ten Texas cities by population, including the current exemption amounts.

<b>Top 15 DFW Metroplex Cities by Population</b>									
<b>City</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Sales Tax</b>	<b>Proposed Property Tax Rates</b>			<b>Current Exemptions</b>			
			<b>2020 Rate</b>	<b>2021 Rate</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Homestead</b>	<b>Over Age 65</b>	<b>Disabled Person</b>	
Dallas	1,343,266	1.00%	0.7763	0.7733	(0.0030)	20%	*107,000	*107,000	
Fort Worth	927,720	1.00%	0.7475	0.7325	(0.0150)	20%	40,000	40,000	
Arlington	398,864	*2.00%	0.6225	0.6198	(0.0027)	20%	60,000	60,000	
Plano	291,296	1.00%	0.4482	0.4482	0.0000	20%	40,000	40,000	
Irving	240,916	1.00%	0.5941	0.5839	(0.0102)	20%	45,000	45,000	
Garland	238,139	1.00%	0.7696	0.7570	(0.0126)	8%	56,000	56,000	
Frisco	209,980	2.00%	0.4466	0.4466	0.0000	10%	80,000	80,000	
McKinney	208,272	2.00%	0.5086	0.5025	(0.0061)	0%	65,000	65,000	
Grand Prairie	195,272	1.75%	0.6700	0.6650	(0.0050)	10%	45,000	30,000	
Denton	147,515	1.50%	0.5905	0.5905	0.0000	5,000	50,000	50,000	
Carrollton	139,892	1.00%	0.5875	0.5875	0.0000	20%	60,000	60,000	
Mesquite	138,916	2.00%	0.7086	0.7086	0.0000	0%	65,000	15,000	
Richardson	121,112	1.00%	0.6252	0.6252	0.0000	0%	100,000	100,000	
Lewisville	112,232	1.25%	0.4433	0.4433	0.0000	0%	60,000	20,000	
Allen	109,379	2.00%	0.4850	0.4810	(0.0040)	0%	50,000	25,000	

**Sources:**

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/city.php>

<https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/PEP/2018/PEPANRES/0400000US48.16200>

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Top 10 Texas Cities by Population								
City	Population	Sales Tax	Proposed Property Tax Rates			Current Exemptions		
			2020 Rate	2021 Rate	Change	Homestead	Over Age 65	Disabled Person
Houston	2,316,120	1.00%	0.5618	*0.5618	0.0000	20%	160,000	160,000
San Antonio	1,567,118	1.25%	0.5583	0.5583	0.0000	5,000	65,000	12,500
Dallas	1,343,266	1.00%	0.7763	0.7733	(0.0030)	20%	*107,000	*107,000
Austin	995,484	1.00%	0.5335	0.5542	0.0207	*20%	88,000	88,000
Fort Worth	927,720	1.00%	0.7475	0.7325	(0.0150)	20%	40,000	40,000
El Paso	681,534	1.00%	0.9073	0.9073	0.0000	5,000	40,000	40,000
Arlington	398,864	*2.00%	0.6225	0.6198	(0.0027)	20%	60,000	60,000
Corpus Christi	327,248	1.38%	0.6463	0.6460	(0.0003)	10%	50,000	50,000
Plano	291,296	1.00%	0.4482	0.4482	0.0000	20%	40,000	40,000
Laredo	263,640	1.25%	0.6340	0.6139	(0.0201)	0%	30,000	30,000

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**Notes:**

\*The 2021 Proposed Tax Rate for Houston was not yet available during creation of this response.

\*Dallas increased its Over 65 and Disabled Person Exemptions from \$100,000 to \$107,000 for the 2021 Tax Year.

\*Arlington increased its sales tax rate from 1.75% to 2.00% effective April 1, 2021.

\*Austin increased its homestead exemption from 10% to 20% for the 2021 Tax Year.

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