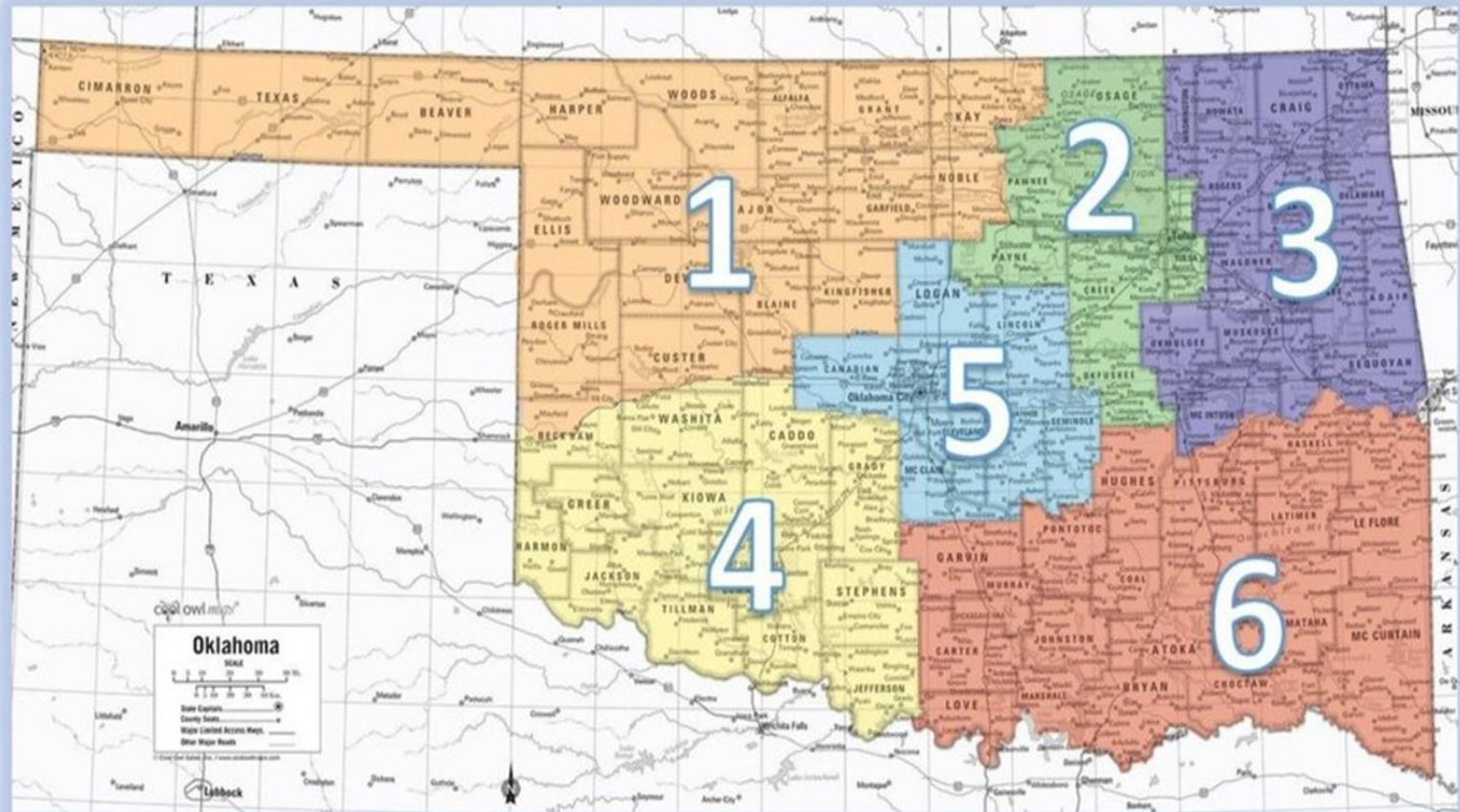
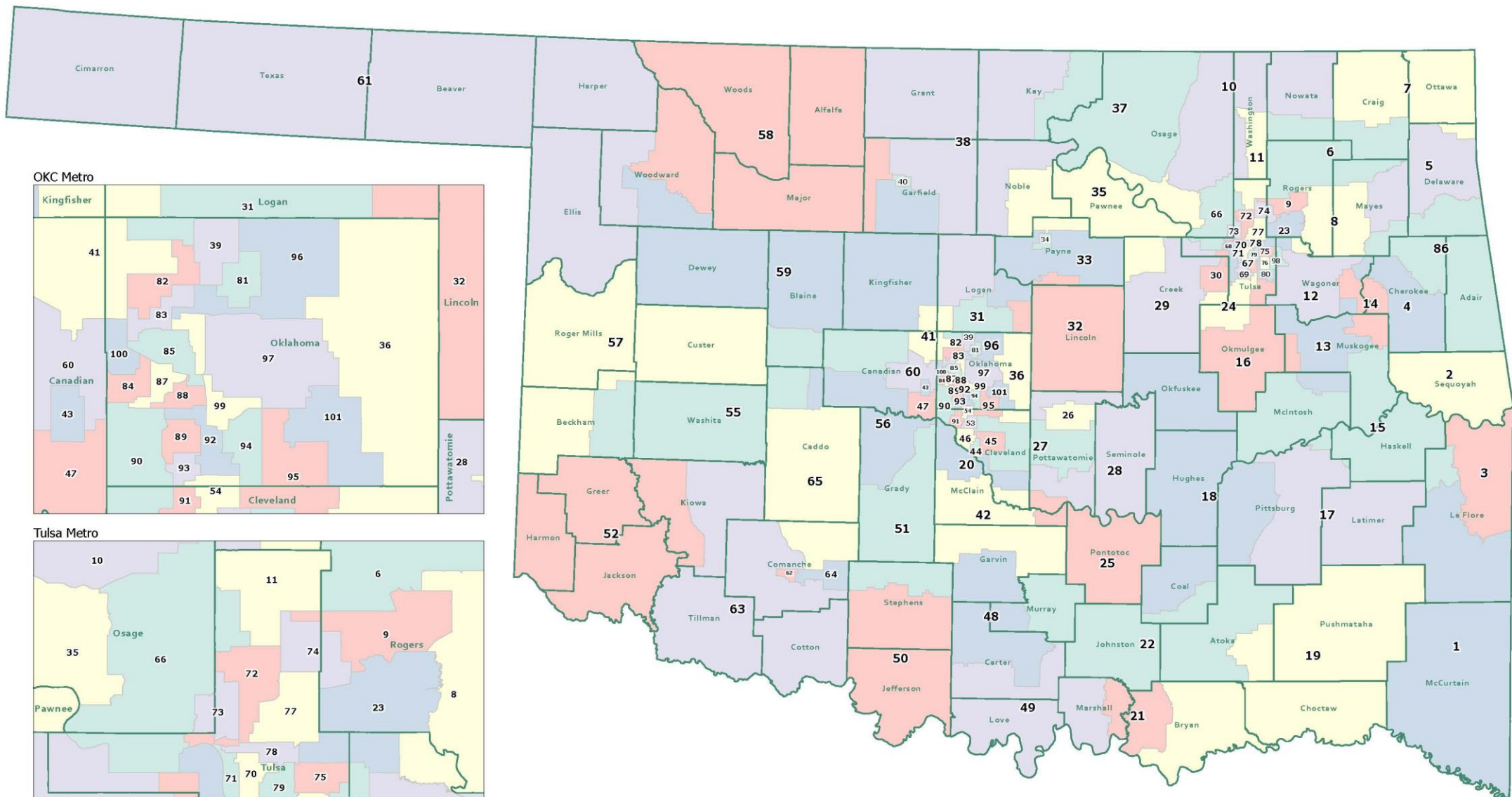




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Oklahoma House of Representatives 2022–2030 Elections

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60th Oklahoma Legislature

New Leadership in the House and the Senate

- Kyle Hilbert, Speaker of the House (youngest Speaker in Oklahoma history)
 - Anthony Moore, Speaker Pro Tem
 - Josh West, Floor Leader
 - Trey Caldwell, House Appropriations Chairman
 - John Kane, House Appropriations Vice Chairman
-
- Lonnie Paxton, Senate President Pro Tempore
 - Julie Daniels, Majority Floor Leader
 - Chuck Hall, Appropriations Chairman
 - John Haste, Appropriations Vice Chairman
 - Julia Kirt, Minority Leader

60th Oklahoma Legislature

- 16 New Members of the House
- Significant change to the House committee structure
- House committees will now have a two-tiered structure with committees and oversight committees
- Speaker Hilbert says this will allow legislation to be more thoroughly vetted and deliberated at the committee level before bills reach the floor
- The process will now be similar on the policy side as to how the committees are currently structured for appropriations – “Doubly Assigned”

60th Oklahoma Legislature

- **County and Municipal Government is under Government Oversight**
- **County and Municipal Government**
 - Chair – Rep. Eddy Dempsey, R-Valliant
 - Vice Chair – Rep. Mike Kelley, R-Yukon
- **Government Oversight**
 - Chair – Rep. Kevin West, R-Moore
 - Vice Chair – Rep. Neil Hays, R-Checotah

60th Oklahoma Legislature

- 14 New Members in the Senate
- One vacancy – Senator Roger Thompson resigned, seat may not be filled until after May 13th
- Senate Leadership – Lonnie Paxton won the Pro Tem race by one vote (20-19)
- General Government is now Local and County Government
 - Sen. Warren Hamilton, R-McCurtain, Chair
 - Sen. George Burns, R-Pollard, Vice Chair
- Finance is now Revenue and Taxation
 - Senator Dave Rader, R-Tulsa, Chair
 - Senator Dusty Deevers, R-Elgin, Vice Chair

2025 OML Legislative Priorities

- Open Records Reform
- Delinquent Tax Sale Changes
- Sanitary Sewer Reform
- Sale for Resale Changes
- Sales Tax on Car Wash Memberships

Action Alerts



Action Alert

February 24, 2023

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON ELECTION BILLS -
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE**



Please contact your Representative and ask them to **VOTE NO** on [HB 1823](#) by Representative Sherrie Conley and [HB 2685](#) by Representative Neil Hays. These bills are being heard **Monday, February 27th** in the House Elections and Ethics Committee at **3:00 PM**.

These bills would dramatically impact municipal elections. Currently, municipal elections are non-partisan races that are rarely mixed in with partisan political races.

Also, if municipal elections are lumped in with General Elections, voters could be faced with a five page ballot in November, which would lead to voter fatigue.

The bill limits the dates when a municipality can call an election by eliminating numerous election dates. This will hamper your ability to fill vacancies, renew bonds, or pass sales tax measures your municipality deems necessary. This will also be especially problematic when a municipality needs to obtain tax revenue or bonds to respond to emergencies or natural disasters.

Please contact your House Member today to ask them to **VOTE NO on these bills limiting municipal authority.**



Action Alert

May 11, 2023

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON DRUG COURT
LEGISLATION**

**HB2153 IS ON THE HOUSE AGENDA AND CAN BE
HEARD TODAY – SESSION BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.**

Please reach out to your House Member and ask them to **VOTE YES** to accepting Senate Amendments to HB 2153 by Representative Ross Ford and Senator Micheal Bergstrom.

- [HB 2153](#) seeks to get **repeat, habitual offenders** into a substance abuse diversion program.
- For all drug charges excluding marijuana, an individual would receive three convictions before being charged with a felony offense on the fourth conviction. This is modeled after recent DUI legislation.
- Beginning with the second offense, Courts may require that offenders go through a treatment program.
- A felony conviction will be downgraded to a misdemeanor offense after an offender successfully completes a treatment program.
- Loopholes created by State Questions 780 and 781 have allowed repeat, habitual drug offenders to simply pay a minimal fine, instead of going through Oklahoma's successful drug court system.
- When individuals are not incentivized to go through drug intervention programs and seek the treatment they need, they simply return to the same environment over and over, leaving municipalities with few options to address the underlying problems that subsequently often lead to homelessness, criminal activity, and more.

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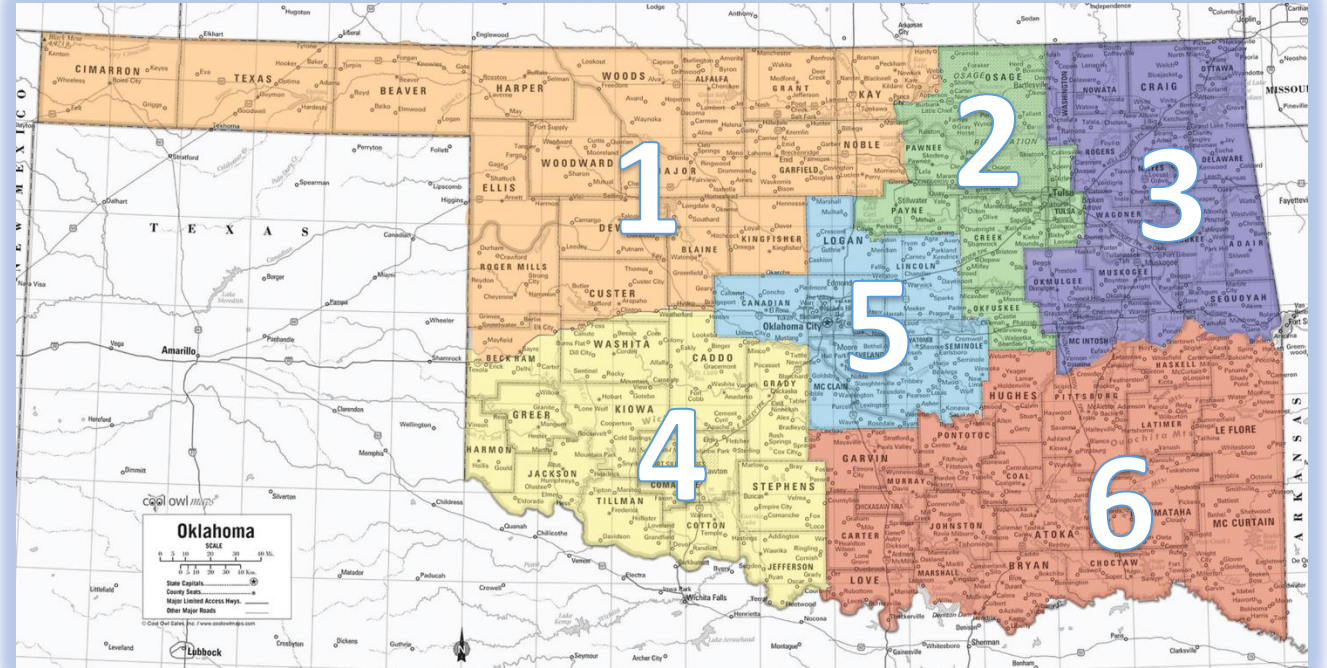


OML Regional Councils

- Advisory Board to the OML BoD
- Requires Legislative Participation
- Must get approval from your Council
- Must be able to travel at least 4 times a year

Not Required

- Serve on a sub-committee
- Serve in a leadership position
- Participate in OML Events



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The Future of Municipal Revenue



A photograph of a street scene. On the left, there is a modern, light-colored building. In the center, a car is driving away on a paved road. On the right, there is a multi-story brick building. The sky is clear and blue. The text "The Road is Difficult" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

The Road is Difficult

Timeline

Years 1 -2

Educating Ourselves

Years 2-3

Educating the Legislature/Public

Years 3-5

Implementation

If We Don't Act Soon the Legislature will Bankrupt the State

Elimination of the State's portion of the grocery sales tax

The Governor has traveled the state touting that he saved Oklahomans \$800 a year in grocery sales tax.

Is he right?

Let's break it down:

A Family would have to spend **\$17,800** a year on the small list of actual items that are exempt.

That is **\$342** a week. Using his numbers that is a family making over **\$600,000** annually.

The annual average salary of Oklahomans is roughly **\$40,000**.

Using the Governor's same percentages, this family will save around **\$125** a year. The average Oklahoma saves about **\$2.40** a week with the grocery sales tax cut.

Elimination of the State Grocery Sales Tax Cost the Oklahoma Budget
\$418,000,000

2024 Municipal & School Bond Elections
\$500M

Sales Tax Exemptions
<\$200,000,000

Start with the Basics

Characteristics of an Effective Tax System

A good tax system should meet five basic conditions: fairness, adequacy, simplicity, transparency, and administrative ease.

1. **Fairness**, or equity, means that everybody should pay a fair share of taxes.
2. **Adequacy** means that taxes must provide enough revenue to meet the basic needs of society.
3. **Simplicity** A simpler tax system helps taxpayers better understand the system and reduces the costs of compliance.
4. **Transparency** taxpayers and leaders can easily find information about the tax system and how tax money is used
5. **Administrative ease** means that the tax system is not too complicated or costly for either taxpayers or tax collectors.

Texas Municipal Tax Structure

41% Property Tax

29% Sales Tax

30% Fines, Fees and Utilities

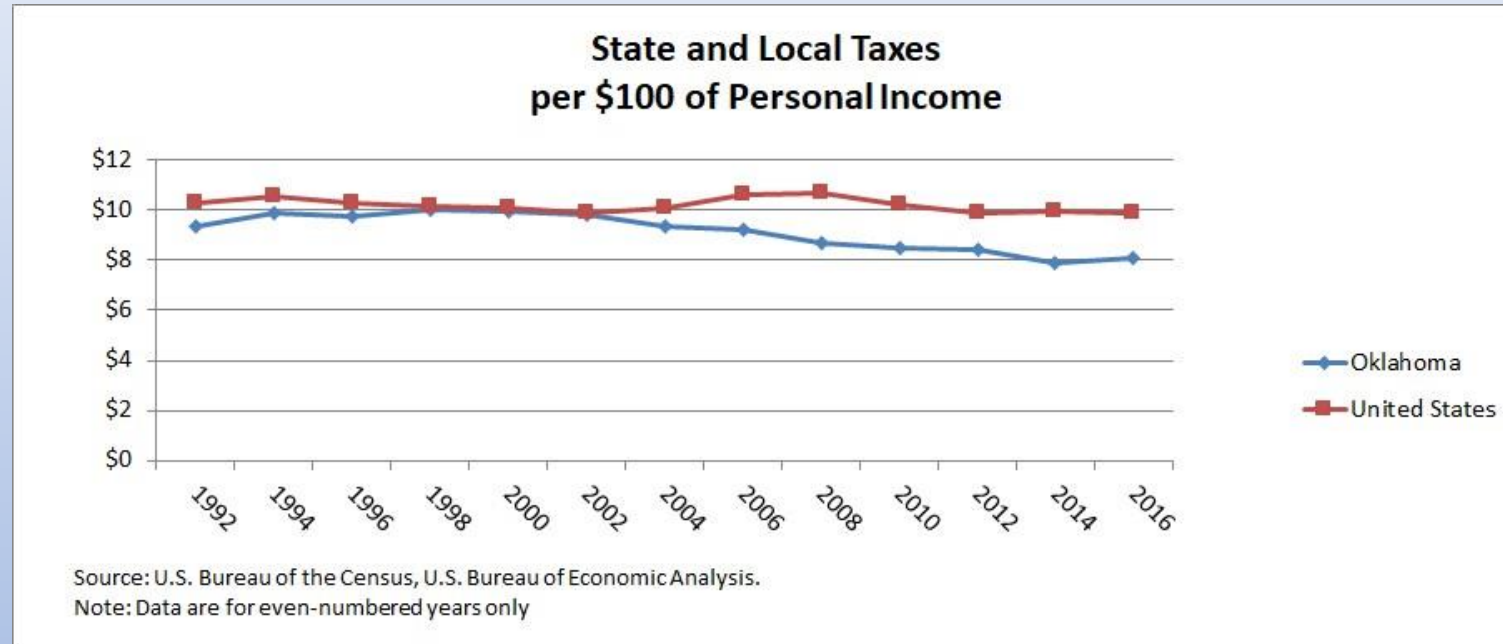
Property Tax Does not Require a vote of the people. Councils must simply adopt by ordinance by September 30 of each year.

Legislature Doesn't Like it.

Sales Tax Increases Require a Vote of the People.

Capped at 2%

We Can Afford It

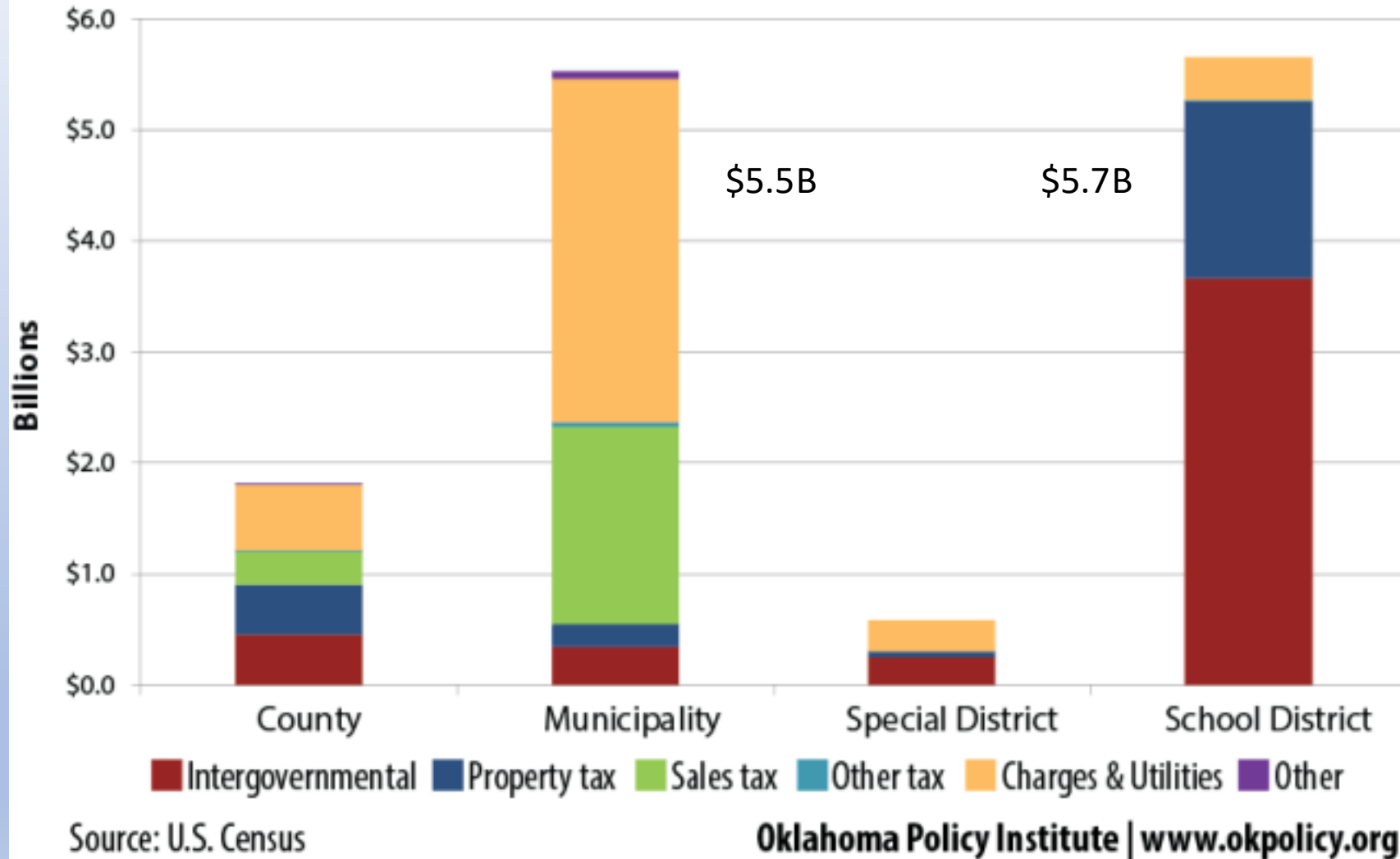


Oklahoma's state and local tax levels have shown a consistent downward trend since the late 1990s. Taxes were about \$10 for every \$100 in income we earned in 1998. The 2014 and 2016 levels of \$7.91 and \$8.09 per \$100 respectively, reached a historic low going back to at least 1977, according to data reported by the Tax Policy Center. Now that number is \$7.70 in Oklahoma.

Municipal Tax Collected by the Tax Commission during the 2012 fiscal year totaled **\$1,652,875,510.53** and City use tax collections totaled **\$126,193,207.46**
\$1.8Billion

Municipal Tax Collected by the Tax Commission during the 2024 fiscal year totaled City use tax collections totaled **\$406,388,231.07**
\$2.9Billion

Local Revenue by Government and Type, 2012



Disturbing Fact

Oklahoma spent more money on schools in 2012 than municipalities.

Total Enrollment
673,190
Population
3.8M

2012 to 2024

Education vs Municipal

School Revenue increased from \$5.7 to \$9.5

Student enrollment was 701,066

The per-student expenditure \$13,605

Municipal Sales Tax increase from \$1.8 to \$2.9

4 Million Population

What's the Answer?

I Don't Know

We Will Find Out Together

Property
Tax

Gas Tax

Combination
Sales/Property
Tax

Enhanced
Sales
Tax

Gross
Production

Municipal
Income
Tax

Use
Tax

Services

There are Options We Need to Figure Out
What is Best for Oklahoma

Name	Address	Total Visits	Unique Visitors	Middle	Gross income	City Sales	Estimated Tax Income	Full year
Tommy's Express Car Wash	13311 E 116th St N, Collinsville, 74021, OK	50,113	17,200	\$32.00	\$550,400.00	0.048	\$26,419.20	\$105,676.80
Okie Express Auto Wash	2450 W Main St, Norman, 73069, OK	49,913	22,700	\$29.99	\$680,773.00	0.04125	\$28,081.89	\$112,327.55
Charlie's Car Wash	5857 Northwest Expy, Warr Acres, 73132, OK	49,412	21,200	\$31.00	\$657,200.00	0.04	\$26,288.00	\$105,152.00
Coulter Express Carwash	10720 N May Ave, The Village, 73120, OK	43,263	15,600	\$30.00	\$468,000.00	0.045	\$21,060.00	\$84,240.00
Okie Express Auto Wash	523 W Grand Ave, Chickasha, 73018, OK	39,171	16,900	\$29.99	\$506,831.00	0.0425	\$21,540.32	\$86,161.27
Pat's Express Car Wash	12106 South Waco Avenue, Glenpool, 74033, OK	36,670	15,000	\$14.99	\$224,850.00	0.051	\$11,467.35	\$45,869.40
Okie Express Auto Wash	1260 E State Hwy, Mustang, 73064, OK	30,370	13,100	\$29.99	\$392,869.00	0.04	\$15,714.76	\$62,859.04

Memberships

Gyms

Tanning Salons

Country Clubs

Why Not Car Wash Memberships?

Thank You Mayor Roger Godwin & City Economics

OML Municipal Liaison Board to the Oklahoma Tax Commission

Formed by the OML Board of Directors in April 2010 to further the League's on-going efforts to increase municipal revenues. The purpose of the Liaison Board is to identify problems with the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) involving sales and use tax collections and enforcement; the Independent Auditor Program as well as accountability by OTC for the retainage paid by municipalities for enforcement of their sales tax ordinances.

The Board is comprised of officials with strong municipal finance backgrounds.

HB 1875

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Liaison
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Sub Committees

Legislative
Committee

Oklahoma Municipalities need a revenue and tax structure that meets the basic principles of fairness, adequacy, simplicity, transparency, and administrative ease. A system that meets the basic needs of Oklahomans with an emphasis on affordability and maximization of dollars generated. Our system should give municipalities the ability to invest in the quality of life of the people we represent.

It's Time to Get Involved!

This Effort will Unify Municipal Government

It Will Take All of Our Voices

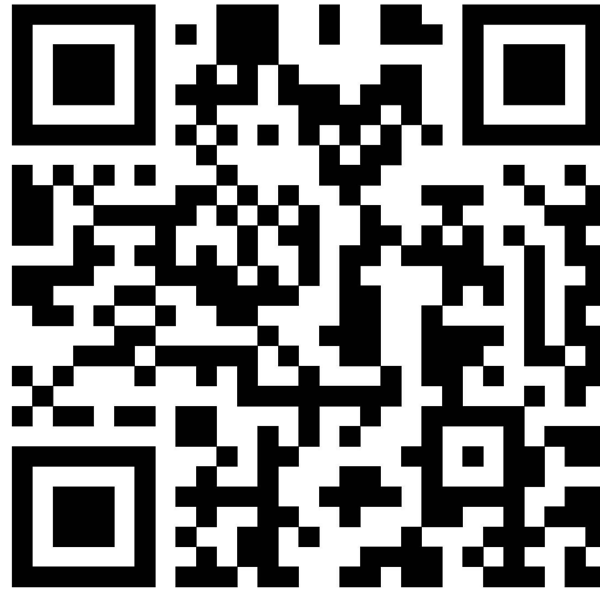
Take Aways

- Start Learning Now
- Join Your Regional Council
- Be An Advocate for All Municipalities

Presentation



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OML Calendar of Events





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