

- A Veterans Services office, helping nearly 4,400 veteran clients a year.
- A social services program working with 4,000+ clients a year in such areas as guardianships, indigent burials, healthcare, disaster relief, etc.
- A ground and aerial Mosquito Control program County wide.
- Various other health and safety programs such as child welfare, nuisance abatement, flood control, medical examiner, senior services, and so much more.



County departments are generally open for business Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Additional information may be found on the County website at [www.co.galveston.tx.us](http://www.co.galveston.tx.us).

**County Department Telephone Numbers**

Agricultural Extension Service .....	281-534-3413
Auditor.....	409-770-5301
Beach & Parks.....	409-934-8100
Building Inspector .....	409-770-5552
Community Services .....	409-770-5545
Emergency Management Office .....	281-309-5002
Facility Services.....	409-770-5369
Finance & Administration.....	409-770-5369
Grants Coordinator .....	409-770-5841
Human Resources.....	409-770-5347
Information Technology .....	409-766-2213
Office of Justice Administration .....	409-770-5230
Juvenile Justice.....	409-770-5901
Law Library .....	409-765-2601
Legal Department.....	409-770-5562
Medical Examiner.....	409-935-9274
Mosquito Control .....	1-800-842-5622
Public Health District.....	409-842-5622
Pre-Trial Release .....	409-766-2399
Probation (Adult).....	409-766-2425
Purchasing.....	409-770-5371
Right-of-Way/Real Estate Service.....	409-770-5576
Road District #1 .....	409-770-5381
Road & Bridge Department.....	281-534-4152
Senior Citizen Services.....	409-770-6251
Social Services .....	409-770-5583
Veterans Service Officer.....	409-766-2448

**Elected Officials**

County Judge .....	409-766-2244
County Commissioner Precinct #1.....	409-770-5336
County Commissioner Precinct #2.....	409-770-5335
County Commissioner Precinct #3.....	409-770-5806
County Commissioner Precinct #4.....	281-316-8745
County Clerk.....	409-766-2200
District Attorney .....	409-766-2355
District Clerk .....	409-766-2424
10th District Court .....	409-766-2230
56th District Court .....	409-766-2226
122nd District Court.....	409-766-2275
306th District Court.....	409-766-2255
405th District Court.....	409-765-2688
Constable Precinct 1 .....	409-766-2240
Constable Precinct 2 .....	409-770-5177
Constable Precinct 3 .....	409-938-0263
Constable Precinct 4 .....	409-925-6211
Constable Precinct 5 .....	409-770-5800
Constable Precinct 7 .....	281-316-8806
Constable Precinct 8 .....	281-316-8711
Constable Precinct 9 .....	409-684-4701
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 .....	409-766-2237
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 .....	409-770-5179
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 .....	409-938-3597
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 .....	409-925-3507
Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 .....	409-770-5818
Justice of the Peace Precinct 7 .....	281-339-4525
Justice of the Peace Precinct 8-1 .....	281-316-8716
Justice of the Peace Precinct 8-2.....	281-996-9600
Justice of the Peace Precinct 9 .....	409-684-6601
Sheriff .....	409-655-2300
Tax Assessor/Collector.....	409-766-2284
Treasurer .....	409-770-5395



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# Galveston County Government



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## What are you paying for?

Year after year you pay property taxes to a variety of governments for services that seem intangible. What are you receiving for your tax dollars?

This brochure has been developed to provide an answer to that question with regard to property taxes paid for Galveston County.

## County Government 101

The legal basis for county government is found in the State Constitution. Major responsibilities of 254 Texas counties include building and maintaining road and recreational facilities, providing law enforcement, building and operating jails, providing a judicial system, maintaining historical and current public records (such as birth and marriage records), providing health and social service and conservation programs, registering voters and conducting elections, performing local services for various State agencies (such as issuing vehicle registrations and titles for the Texas Department of Transportation), participating in economic development efforts, providing comprehensive emergency management services, providing County extension services and mosquito control, and collecting property taxes to pay for it all.

Overall management and governance of county departments is by a five member team consisting of the County Judge and four Commissioners. Commissioners Court meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the County Courthouse building, 722 Moody in Galveston.

County services are conducted in each of the following locations as well as at other facilities located throughout Galveston County:

Galveston County Courthouse  
722 Moody, Galveston

North County Annex  
174 Calder Road, League City

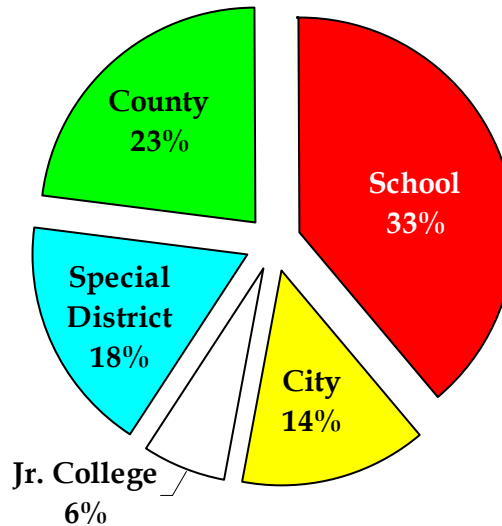
Texas City Annex  
2516 Texas Avenue, Texas City

West County Annex  
11730 Highway 6, Santa Fe

## Brief Tax Facts for FY 2007-2008\*

2007 Average Homestead Value (after exemptions)	\$108,450
County Tax Rate	\$0.58/\$100
Average Annual HS Tax	\$629.01
Average Monthly County Tax	\$52.42

For the purpose of providing an estimated breakdown of an average property tax bill county wide, we have estimated the average tax for each type of government (with average exemptions and tax rates). Based on this comparison, your county property tax is approximately 23% of the entire tax bill.



Average County Tax Bill	\$ 629.01
Average School Tax Bill	\$1,052.84
Average City Tax Bill	\$ 378.82
Average Jr. College Tax Bill	\$ 172.38
Average Special District Tax Bill	\$ 483.08

\*Galveston County Budget Office & GCTO

## County Budget Highlights

### Revenues:

Property Tax	\$112,467,000
Licenses & Permits	2,143,000
Charges for Services	17,799,000
Fees/Fines/Forfeitures	3,578,000
Grants/Intergovernmental	6,251,000
Other	8,966,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$151,240,000</b>

### Expenditures:

Law Enforcement	\$ 11,974,000
Courts and Prosecution	15,276,000
Juvenile Probation	5,018,000
Jails	15,509,000
Records Management	6,772,000
Elections	740,000
Roads, Bridges & Right-of-way	9,110,000
Flood Control	2,716,000
Fire/EMS	1,178,000
Health, Social Services & Emergency Ops	14,922,000
Culture and Recreation	4,144,000
Economic Development	4,003,000
Community Development & Libraries	1,720,000
Administration/Overhead	38,680,000
Debt Service	17,329,000
Grants/Other	2,149,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$151,240,000</b>

## County Services for FY 2007-2008

The average monthly County tax of \$52.42 funds:

- 530 law enforcement officers for the Sheriff and 8 Constables
- Maintenance and operation of a 1,200 inmate capacity jail.
- 6 District Courts, 4 County Courts, 9 Justice of the Peace courts and the District Attorney's Office.
- The construction and maintenance of over 355 miles of county road.
- The maintenance and operation of 19 public parks in all regions of Galveston County.
- The maintenance and operation of an Emergency Management Operations (EMO) Team specializing in disaster mitigation.

