



April 16, 2014

RE: City of Woodville Ad Valorem Tax Rate (1980-1989)

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently saw a political advertisement on local television claiming that property taxes increased 38% in the City of Woodville during the 1980's. I have reviewed the ad valorem tax rates for that period and find that claim to be false. Attached, please find a table identifying the City of Woodville's ad valorem tax rates since 1979. As indicated in the table, the adopted tax rate per \$100 valuation fell from \$1.25 in 1980 to \$0.37 in 1989 an astounding decrease of **70.4%**. The most current ad valorem tax rate adopted by the city for tax year 2013 is \$0.37909 per \$100 valuation which indicates that the City of Woodville's tax rate has remained stable for almost 25 years.

Additionally, the City of Woodville's current financial and economic stability can be attributed to many of the infrastructure and economic development projects that were undertaken by the City during the 1980's, especially the infrastructure improvements necessary to support and sustain the Gib Lewis prison facility. This facility houses over 2200 inmates and employs 570 security and non-security staff members making the facility the area's largest employer and the City of Woodville's largest utility customer.

The City of Woodville is proud of its natural resources and rural heritage but also boasts economic stability and moderate taxes in a time when neither is common for a rural community of its size. Thank you for your consideration of the data provided.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mandy K. Risinger".

Mandy K. Risinger
City Administrator

CITY OF WOODVILLE AD VALOREM TAX RATE PER \$100 VALUATION

Tax Year	Rate
1979	1.25
1980	1.25
1981	0.42
1982	0.35
1983	0.38
1984	0.25
1985	0.209
1986	0.23
1987	0.26
1988	0.36
1989	0.37
1990	0.3688
1991	0.3738
1992	0.3781
1993	0.4000
1994	0.4176
1995	0.41
1996	0.401
1997	0.4057
1998	0.3974
1999	0.4017
2000	0.4054
2001	0.4045
2002	0.4155
2003	0.4210
2004	0.4318
2005	0.4217
2006	0.4368
2007	0.3884
2008	0.3749
2009	0.3749
2010	0.3749
2011	0.3743
2012	0.3768
2013	0.37909
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