

CHAPTER 275

TAXES; LEVY, EXTENSION

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275.065 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES; NOTICE.

[For text of subds 1 and 1a, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Notice of proposed property taxes. (a) The county auditor shall prepare and the county treasurer shall deliver after November 10 and on or before November 24 each year, by first class mail to each taxpayer at the address listed on the county's current year's assessment roll, a notice of proposed property taxes and, in the case of a town, final property taxes.

(b) The commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the form of the notice.

(c) The notice must inform taxpayers that it contains the amount of property taxes each taxing authority other than a town proposes to collect for taxes payable the following year and, for a town, the amount of its final levy. It must clearly state that each taxing authority, including regional library districts established under section 134.201, and including the metropolitan taxing districts as defined in paragraph (i), but excluding all other special taxing districts and towns, will hold a public meeting to receive public testimony on the proposed budget and proposed or final property tax levy, or, in case of a school district, on the current budget and proposed property tax levy. It must clearly state the time and place of each taxing authority's meeting and an address where comments will be received by mail. For 1993, the notice must clearly state that each taxing authority holding a public meeting will describe the increases or decreases of the total budget, including employee and independent contractor compensation in the prior year, current year, and the proposed budget year.

(d) The notice must state for each parcel:

(1) the market value of the property as determined under section 273.11, and used for computing property taxes payable in the following year and for taxes payable in the current year; and, in the case of residential property, whether the property is classified as homestead or nonhomestead. The notice must clearly inform taxpayers of the years to which the market values apply and that the values are final values;

(2) by county, city or town, school district excess referenda levy, remaining school district levy, regional library district, if in existence, the total of the metropolitan special taxing districts as defined in paragraph (i) and the sum of the remaining special taxing districts, and as a total of the taxing authorities, including all special taxing districts, the proposed or, for a town, final net tax on the property for taxes payable the following year and the actual tax for taxes payable the current year. In the case of the city of Minneapolis, the levy for the Minneapolis library board and the levy for Minneapolis park and recreation shall be listed separately from the remaining amount of the city's levy. In the case of a parcel where tax increment or the fiscal disparities areawide tax applies, the proposed tax levy on the captured value or the proposed tax levy on the tax capacity subject to the areawide tax must each be stated separately and not included in the sum of the special taxing districts; and

(3) the increase or decrease in the amounts in clause (2) from taxes payable in the current year to proposed or, for a town, final taxes payable the following year, expressed as a dollar amount and as a percentage.

(e) The notice must clearly state that the proposed or final taxes do not include the following:

- (1) special assessments;
- (2) levies approved by the voters after the date the proposed taxes are certified, including bond referenda, school district levy referenda, and levy limit increase referenda;
- (3) amounts necessary to pay cleanup or other costs due to a natural disaster occurring after the date the proposed taxes are certified;
- (4) amounts necessary to pay tort judgments against the taxing authority that become final after the date the proposed taxes are certified;
- (5) any additional amount levied in lieu of a local sales and use tax, unless this amount is included in the proposed or final taxes; and
- (6) the contamination tax imposed on properties which received market value reductions for contamination.

(f) Except as provided in subdivision 7, failure of the county auditor to prepare or the county treasurer to deliver the notice as required in this section does not invalidate the proposed or final tax levy or the taxes payable pursuant to the tax levy.

(g) If the notice the taxpayer receives under this section lists the property as non-homestead and the homeowner provides satisfactory documentation to the county assessor that the property is owned and has been used as the owner's homestead prior to June 1 of that year, the assessor shall reclassify the property to homestead for taxes payable in the following year.

(h) In the case of class 4 residential property used as a residence for lease or rental periods of 30 days or more, the taxpayer must either:

- (1) mail or deliver a copy of the notice of proposed property taxes to each tenant, renter, or lessee; or
- (2) post a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the premises of the property.

(i) For purposes of this subdivision, subdivisions 5a and 6, "metropolitan special taxing districts" means the following taxing districts in the seven-county metropolitan area that levy a property tax for any of the specified purposes listed below:

- (1) metropolitan council under section 473.132, 473.167, 473.249, 473.325, 473.521, 473.547, or 473.834;
- (2) metropolitan airports commission under section 473.667, 473.671, or 473.672;
- (3) regional transit board under section 473.446; and
- (4) metropolitan mosquito control commission under section 473.711.

For purposes of this section, any levies made by the regional rail authorities in the county of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington under chapter 398A shall be included with the appropriate county's levy and shall be discussed at that county's public hearing.

The notice must be mailed or posted by the taxpayer by November 27 or within three days of receipt of the notice, whichever is later. A taxpayer may notify the county treasurer of the address of the taxpayer, agent, caretaker, or manager of the premises to which the notice must be mailed in order to fulfill the requirements of this paragraph.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 5a. Public advertisement. (a) A city that has a population of more than 1,000, county, a metropolitan special taxing district as defined in subdivision 3, paragraph (i), a regional library district established under section 134.201, or school district shall advertise in a newspaper a notice of its intent to adopt a budget and property tax levy or, in the case of a school district, to review its current budget and proposed property taxes payable in the following year, at a public hearing. The notice must be published not less than two business days nor more than six business days before the hearing.

The advertisement must be at least one-eighth page in size of a standard-size or a tabloid-size newspaper. The advertisement must not be placed in the part of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement must be published in an official newspaper of general circulation in the taxing authority. The newspaper selected must be one of general interest and readership in the community, and not one of limited subject matter. The advertisement must appear in a newspaper that is published at least once per week.

For purposes of this section, the metropolitan special taxing district's advertisement must only be published in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

(b) The advertisement must be in the following form, except that the notice for a school district may include references to the current budget in regard to proposed property taxes.

“NOTICE OF
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES

(City/County/School District/Metropolitan Special Taxing District/Regional Library District) of

The governing body of will soon hold budget hearings and vote on the property taxes for (city/county/metropolitan special taxing district/regional library district services that will be provided in 199_/school district services that will be provided in 199_ and 199_).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing and express their opinions on the proposed (city/county/school district/metropolitan special taxing district/regional library district) budget and property taxes, or in the case of a school district, its current budget and proposed property taxes, payable in the following year. The hearing will be held on (Month/Day/Year) at (Time) at (Location, Address).”

(c) A city with a population of 1,000 or less must advertise by posted notice as defined in section 645.12, subdivision 1. The advertisement must be posted at the time provided in paragraph (a). It must be in the form required in paragraph (b).

(d) For purposes of this subdivision, the population of a city is the most recent population as determined by the state demographer under section 4A.02.

(e) The commissioner of revenue, subject to the approval of the chairs of the house and senate tax committees, shall prescribe the form and format of the advertisement.

(f) For calendar year 1993, each taxing authority required to publish an advertisement must include on the advertisement a statement that information on the increases or decreases of the total budget, including employee and independent contractor compensation in the prior year, current year, and proposed budget year will be discussed at the hearing.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), for 1993, the commissioner of revenue shall prescribe the form, format, and content of an advertisement comparing current and proposed expense budgets for the metropolitan council, the metropolitan airports commission, the metropolitan mosquito control commission, and the regional transit board. The expense budget must include occupancy, personnel, contractual and capital improvement expenses. The form, format, and content of the advertisement must be approved by the chairs of the house and senate tax committees prior to publication.

Subd. 6. Public hearing; adoption of budget and levy. Between November 29 and December 20, the governing bodies of the city, county, metropolitan special taxing districts as defined in subdivision 3, paragraph (i), and regional library districts shall each hold a public hearing to discuss and seek public comment on its final budget and property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year, and the governing body of the

school district shall hold a public hearing to review its current budget and proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year. The metropolitan special taxing districts shall be required to hold only a single joint public hearing, the location of which will be determined by the affected metropolitan agencies.

At a subsequent hearing, the taxing authority, other than a school district, may amend the proposed budget and property tax levy and must adopt a final budget and property tax levy, and the school district may amend the proposed property tax levy and must adopt a final property tax levy.

The property tax levy certified under section 275.07 by a city, county, metropolitan special taxing district, regional library district, or school district must not exceed the proposed levy determined under subdivision 1, except by an amount up to the sum of the following amounts:

(1) the amount of a school district levy whose voters approved a referendum to increase taxes under section 124.82, subdivision 3, 124A.03, subdivision 2, 124B.03, subdivision 2, or 136C.411, after the proposed levy was certified;

(2) the amount of a city or county levy approved by the voters after the proposed levy was certified;

(3) the amount of a levy to pay principal and interest on bonds issued or approved by the voters under section 475.58 after the proposed levy was certified;

(4) the amount of a levy to pay costs due to a natural disaster occurring after the proposed levy was certified, if that amount is approved by the commissioner of revenue under subdivision 6a;

(5) the amount of a levy to pay tort judgments against a taxing authority that become final after the proposed levy was certified, if the amount is approved by the commissioner of revenue under subdivision 6a;

(6) the amount of an increase in levy limits certified to the taxing authority by the commissioner of education after the proposed levy was certified; and

(7) the amount required under section 124.755.

At the hearing under this subdivision, the percentage increase in property taxes proposed by the taxing authority, if any, and the specific purposes for which property tax revenues are being increased must be discussed. At the hearing held in 1993 only, specific information for previous year, current year, and proposed budget year must be presented on:

(i) percent of total proposed budget representing total compensation cost;

(ii) numbers of employees by general classification, and whether full or part time;

(iii) number and budgeted expenditures for independent contractors; and

(iv) the effect of budget increases or decreases on the proposed property tax levy.

During the discussion, the governing body shall hear comments regarding a proposed increase and explain the reasons for the proposed increase. The public shall be allowed to speak and to ask questions. At a subsequent hearing, the governing body, other than the governing body of a school district, shall adopt its final property tax levy prior to adopting its final budget.

If the hearing is not completed on its scheduled date, the taxing authority must announce, prior to adjournment of the hearing, the date, time, and place for the continuation of the hearing. The continued hearing must be held at least five business days but no more than 14 business days after the original hearing.

The hearing must be held after 5:00 p.m. if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. No hearing may be held on a Sunday. The governing body of a county shall hold a hearing on the second Tuesday in December each year, and may hold additional hearings on other dates before December 20 if necessary for the convenience of county residents. The county auditor shall provide for the coordination of hearing dates for all cities and school districts within the county.

By August 10, each school board and the board of the regional library district shall certify to the county auditors of the counties in which the school district or regional

library district is located the dates on which it elects to hold its hearings and any continuations. If a school board or regional library district does not certify the dates by August 10, the auditor will assign the hearing date. The dates elected or assigned must not conflict with the county hearing dates. The county auditor shall coordinate with the metropolitan special taxing districts as defined in subdivision 3, paragraph (i), a date on which the metropolitan special taxing districts will hold their joint public hearing and any continuation. By August 20, the county auditor shall notify the clerks of the cities within the county of the dates on which school districts, metropolitan special taxing districts, and regional library districts have elected to hold their hearings. At the time a city certifies its proposed levy under subdivision 1 it shall certify the dates on which it elects to hold its hearings and any continuations. The city must not select dates that conflict with the county hearing dates, metropolitan special taxing district dates, or with those elected by or assigned to the school districts or regional library district in which the city is located.

The county hearing dates and the city, metropolitan special taxing district, regional library district, and school district hearing dates must be designated on the notices required under subdivision 3. The continuation dates need not be stated on the notices.

This subdivision does not apply to towns and special taxing districts other than regional library districts and metropolitan special taxing districts.

Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the employer is required to meet and negotiate over employee compensation as provided for in chapter 179A.

[For text of subd 6a, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 7. Certification of compliance. At the time the taxing authority certifies its tax levy under section 275.07, it shall certify to the commissioner of revenue its compliance with this section. The certification must contain the information required by the commissioner of revenue to determine compliance with this section. If the commissioner determines that the taxing authority has failed to substantially comply with the requirements of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall notify the county auditor. The decision of the commissioner is final. When fixing rates under section 275.08 for a taxing authority that has not complied with this section, the county auditor must use the taxing authority's previous year's levy, plus any additional amounts necessary to pay principal and interest on general obligation bonds of the taxing authority for which its taxing powers have been pledged if the bonds were issued before 1989.

Subd. 8. Hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Ramsey county, the city of St. Paul, and independent school district No. 625 are authorized to and shall hold their public hearing jointly. The hearing must be held on the second Tuesday of December each year. The advertisement required in subdivision 5a may be a joint advertisement. The hearing is otherwise subject to the requirements of this section.

Ramsey county is authorized to hold an additional hearing or hearings as provided under this section, provided that any additional hearings must not conflict with the hearing dates of the other taxing districts. However, if Ramsey county elects not to hold such additional hearing or hearings, the joint hearing required by this subdivision must be held in a St. Paul location convenient to residents of Ramsey county.

History: 1993 c 224 art 1 s 30; 1993 c 271 s 3; 1993 c 375 art 3 s 24; art 7 s 9-12; art 12 s 10

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 3 by Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 12, section 10, is effective beginning with taxes assessed in 1994, payable in 1995, and applies to reductions in market value in effect for the year regardless of when they were granted. See Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 12, section 12.

NOTE: The amendments to subdivisions 3, 5a, and 6 by Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 7, sections 9 to 11, relating to regional library districts are effective for property taxes levied in 1994, payable in 1995, and thereafter. See Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 7, section 29.

NOTE: Subdivision 8, as added by Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 7, section 12, expires after December 31, 1997. See Laws 1993, chapter 375, article 7, section 29.

275.07 CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

Subdivision 1. The taxes voted by cities, counties, school districts, and special districts shall be certified by the proper authorities to the county auditor on or before five working days after December 20 in each year. A town must certify the levy adopted by the town board to the county auditor by September 15 each year. If the town board modifies the levy at a special town meeting after September 15, the town board must recertify its levy to the county auditor on or before five working days after December 20. The taxes certified shall not be reduced by the aid received under sections 273.1398, subdivisions 2 and 3. If a city, town, county, school district, or special district fails to certify its levy by that date, its levy shall be the amount levied by it for the preceding year.

Subd. 1a. **Application of limitations.** Any limitation upon the amount that may be levied by a local taxing jurisdiction shall apply to the sum of the levy as certified under subdivision 1 plus the certified homestead and agricultural credit aid amount under section 273.1398, subdivision 2, unless the commissioner of revenue certifies to the county auditor that the limitation applies to the levy under subdivision 1 only.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1993 c 375 art 4 s 21]

Subd. 4. **Report to commissioner.** On or before September 30 for taxes payable in 1994, and thereafter, the county auditor shall report to the commissioner of revenue the proposed levy certified by local units of government under section 275.065, subdivision 1. On or before January 15, for taxes levied in 1989 and thereafter, the county auditor shall report to the commissioner of revenue the final levy certified by local units of government under subdivision 1. The levies must be reported in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. The reports must show a total levy and the amount of each special levy.

History: 1993 c 375 art 3 s 25,26; art 4 s 6,7

NOTE: Subdivision 3 was also amended by Laws 1993, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 6, to read as follows:

"Subd. 3. The county auditor shall adjust each local government's levy certified under subdivision 1, except for the equalization levies defined in section 273.1398, subdivision 2a, paragraph (a), by the amount of homestead and agricultural credit aid certified by section 273.1398, subdivision 2; fiscal disparity homestead and agricultural credit aid under section 273.1398, subdivision 2b; and equalization aid certified by section 477A.013, subdivision 5."

275.28 TAX LISTS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. **Designation of year of tax.** Taxes on real and personal property shall be related to and designated on the property tax statement by the year in which they become payable but the liens shall relate back to the assessment date preceding except as otherwise provided. For cash basis taxpayers, taxes on real and personal property shall relate to the year in which they become payable. For accrual basis taxpayers, taxes on real and personal property shall relate to the year in which the lien arose.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 375 art 2 s 1

275.295 WETLANDS EXEMPTION; REPLACEMENT OF REVENUE.

Subdivision 1. **Certification.** The total amount of revenue lost as a result of the exemption provided in section 272.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (10), clause (iii), must be certified by the county auditor to the commissioner of revenue and submitted to the commissioner as part of the abstract of tax lists to be filed with the commissioner under the provisions of section 275.29. The amount of revenue lost as a result of the exemption must be computed each year by applying the current local tax rates of the taxing jurisdictions in which the wetlands are located to the net tax capacity of the wetlands.

Payment to the county for lost revenue must not be less than the revenue that would have been received in taxes if the wetlands had a net tax capacity of 50 cents per acre. The commissioner of revenue shall review the certification for accuracy and may make necessary changes or return the certification to the county auditor for corrections.

Subd. 2. Payment. Based on current year tax data reported in the abstracts of tax lists, the commissioner of revenue shall annually determine the taxing district distribution of the amounts certified under subdivision 1. The commissioner shall pay to each taxing district, other than school districts, its total payment for the year at the time distributions are made under section 473H.10.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue the amount necessary to make the payments required in subdivision 2.

History: 1993 c 375 art 3 s 27

275.48 ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES IN CERTAIN TAXING DISTRICTS.

When by virtue of chapter 278, sections 270.07, 375.192, or otherwise, the net tax capacity of a city, township or school district for a taxable year is reduced after the taxes for the year have been spread by the county auditor, and when the local tax rate determined by the county auditor based on the original net tax capacity is applied on the reduced net tax capacity and does not produce the full amount of taxes actually levied and certified for that taxable year on the original net tax capacity, the city, township or school district may include an additional amount in its tax levy made following final determination and notice of the reduction in net tax capacity. The amount shall equal the difference between the total amount of taxes actually levied and certified for that taxable year upon the original net tax capacity, not exceeding the maximum amount which could be raised on the net tax capacity as reduced, within existing local tax rate limitations, if any, and the amount of taxes collected for that taxable year on the reduced net tax capacity. The total tax levy authorized for a school district by this section may also include an amount equal to any interest paid on the abatement refunds. The levy for a school district shall be reduced by the total amount of any abatement adjustments received by the district pursuant to section 124.214, subdivision 2, in the same calendar year in which the levy is certified. As part of the certification required by section 124.918, subdivision 1, the commissioner of education shall certify the amount of the abatement levy limitation adjustment for each school district headquartered in that county.

Except for school districts, the amount of taxes so included shall be levied separately and shall be levied in addition to all limitations imposed by law; and further shall not result in any penalty in the nature of a reduction in state aid of any kind.

History: 1993 c 224 art 8 s 11