



INFORMATION CONCERNING NYE COUNTY'S AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES AND HOW NYE COUNTY DISTRIBUTES PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS Pahrump Version

The term "ad valorem tax levy" as used in the following discussion means a tax which is imposed as a percentage of the assessed value of real estate (land); buildings such as residences and garages; improvements such as porches, patios and fences; and other personal property located on your real estate as indicated on your Nye County tax bill. The term "ad valorem" is derived from Latin and was first found in use in the year 1698. As an example of how ad valorem taxes are calculated, looking at your tax bill for the 2014/2015 tax year you will notice that COUNTY GEN is the first imposed at a rate of 1.0030 which is applied to every \$100.00 of total assessed value. This means a tax of 1.0030 is FOR EVERY \$100.00 OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE. Looking under the Assessed Values column on your bill you will find the total assessed value of the property for which the tax bill applies. If your total assessed value is \$20,000 then $\$20,000 \div 100 = 200 \times 1.0030 = \200.60 of taxes imposed for the COUNTY GEN tax.

The authority for Nye County to operate a budget, and levy and collect ad valorem taxes is found in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.470 to 354.626. This section of Nevada law is known as the Local Government Budget Act. The purpose of this Act is to:

- a) Establish standard methods and procedures for the preparation, presentation, adoption, administration, and appraisal of a budget for all local governments;
- b) To enable local governments to make financial plans for programs of both current and capital expenditures and to formulate fiscal policies to accomplish these programs;
- c) To provide for estimation and determination of actual revenues, expenditures, and tax levies;
- d) To provide for control of revenues, expenditures, and expenses in order to promote discipline, skill, good judgment, and efficiency in the use of public money;
- e) To enable local governments to borrow money and meet emergency expenditures or expenses;
- f) To provide specific methods enabling the public, taxpayers, and investors to be apprised of the financial preparations, plans, policies, and administration of local government

The following is a discussion of the individual ad valorem tax levies found on your Nye County Tax Bill. In most instances a tax levy applies countywide, but in some circumstances it may only apply to a certain town or area. We will first discuss the countywide tax levies and afterward discuss the Pahrump Town area-specific tax levies.

COUNTY GEN

This is the County General Fund. The General Fund is defined in NRS 354.534 as the fund used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Nye County's General Fund currently covers the cost of the salaries, benefits, supplies, telephone, office equipment, and other related expenses for certain County departments and offices

ROAD

This is a portion of the County Road Fund. NRS 403.460 requires that if no special County Road and Bridge Fund has been created, then the cost of all County road and bridgework performed must be paid out of the County General Fund. NRS 403.470 explains that all money appropriated or expended for road and bridgework by the Board of Commissioners must be expended for the purposes of:

- a) Laying out, grading, draining, graveling or macadamizing, maintaining, and when deemed necessary, sprinkling or oiling roads;
- b) The purchase of road machinery necessary for the construction of such roads and the maintenance of the same;
- c) The purchase of property necessary in road construction
- d) The purchase of material and machinery for the construction of all superstructures necessary to perfect drainage of a highway; and
- e) For all work performed by order of and under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners.

Nye County has elected to create a separate apportionment of taxes out of the general fund shown on your tax bill as ROAD to separately track the portion of ad valorem taxes apportioned for the above-described road department functions. It is important to note that there are several other taxes (known as motor vehicle fuel taxes) that are collected and placed into the Road Department Fund as outlined in the County's budget. The use of these additional revenues is restricted to specific projects as outlined in the statutes.

AG EXT

This is the Agriculture Extension Fund. NRS 549.010 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to enter into a cooperative agreement with the University and Community College system of Nevada to provide for continued extension work in agriculture, home economics, and rural welfare in the State of Nevada. Nye County has entered into such a cooperative agreement. NRS 549.020 requires that the director of the Agricultural Extension department of the Public Service division of the University and Community College system of Nevada prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners an annual financial budget covering the county, State, and Federal funds participating in the cost of cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics. This budget must be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and certified as a part of the annual County budget. The County tax levy provided for agricultural extension work in the annual County budget must include a levy of not

less than 0.0150 on each 100 dollars of taxable property. In Nye County this fund provides the operating budget for the agricultural extension offices in Pahrump and Tonopah.

MED & GEN

This is the Medical and General indigent Fund. NRS 428.295 requires that the Board of County Commissioners allocate money for medical assistance to indigent persons in an amount determined by multiplying the amount allocated for the previous fiscal year by 104.5%. This fund supports the County's social services offices in Pahrump and Tonopah, and pays medical costs, burial expenses, and provides assistance to qualifying indigents. It also provides assistance to victims of sexual assault and pays transient costs. When 90% of the medical assistance line item is expended in any fiscal year then additional funding is provided under "DED CO MED."

MUSEUM

This fund supports museums with exhibits located in Tonopah and Pahrump. NRS 244.377 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to include in the annual budget of the County items to cover the expense of maintaining a County museum, art center, or historical society. The maximum tax levy in any 1 year may not exceed 0.0079 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The proceeds of any tax levy may be paid under contract to a nonprofit historical society, museum board, or other nonprofit board, committee, or organization for their use in paying salaries of museum or art center personnel, in building and maintaining exhibits, in purchasing cabinets, in displaying items, and in conducting activities related to a museum or art center. But in no case may such organizations make capital improvements without the express approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

JUVENILE

This is the Juvenile Probation and Corrections Facility Support Fund. NRS 62.110 requires the District Judge to appoint one or more probation officers and such other employees as may be required to carry on the work of the Juvenile Probation department.

The County does not have a juvenile corrections facility. The county pays for housing at facilities in this State for those juveniles requiring incarceration. NRS 62.327 requires Nye County to pay to the State an amount for the operation of China Springs near Minden. The Legislature first sets a budget for the operation of the facility, minus any monies appropriated by the Legislature for the support of the facility, divided by the number of pupils in the State in the preceding school year, minus pupils in counties whose population is 400,000 or more, and multiplied by the number of pupils in Nye County. The county must pay this assessment in quarterly installments.

AUTO ACC INDG

This is the Indigent Persons Injured by Motor Vehicles Fund. This fund provides for hospital care to indigent persons injured by motor vehicles. NRS 428.165 defines an injury in a motor vehicle accident as, "any personal injury accidentally caused in, by, or as the proximate result of the movement of a motor vehicle on a public street or highway, whether the injured

person was the operator of the vehicle or another vehicle, a passenger in the vehicle or another vehicle, as pedestrian, or had some other relationship to the movement of a vehicle.” The fund is administered by a board of trustees composed of five County Commissioners appointed by the Governor from a list of ten nominees submitted by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO). NRS 428.185 requires that our Board of County Commissioners levy an ad valorem tax rate established by the fund’s Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has established this rate to be 0.0150 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of all taxable property in this State.

911 EMERGENCY

This is the 911 Emergency Telephone Number Fund. NRS 244A.765 thru 244A.777 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to create a taxing district to provide a telephone number (911) to be used in an emergency. In 1990 the Board of commissioners submitted a question to the County’s voters, which was approved creating the 911 District. The boundaries of the District include the entire County. The Board determines annually the amount of money necessary to pay the costs of acquiring, operating, and maintaining the 911 system with the rate restricted to a maximum of 0.0050 on each \$100 of assessed valuation unless the voters approve a rate higher than this.

HEALTH CLINIC

This is the Public health Fund. This tax levy provides funds for the public Health Nurse offices in Pahrump and Tonopah. It also helps to fund the clinics in Beatty and Amargosa. This fund is an apportionment from the general fund.

DED CO MED

This is the Medical Assistance to the Indigent Persons Fund. NRS 428.285 requires that the Board of County Commissioners levy ad valorem taxes at a rate of six cents and not more than 10 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing additional funding to be used when the County has expended 90% of the medical line item in the (MED & GEN) fund for the medical assistance for those persons eligible. One cent on each \$100 of assessed valuation collected through this tax levy must be forwarded to the State for remittance to the State Medical and Indigent Fund.

CAPITAL PROJ

This is the Capital Projects Fund. This fund is an apportionment of the General Fund and is used to fund capital improvement projects and equipment.

SPEC CAP PROJ

This is the Special Capital Projects Fund. NRS 354.59815 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to levy a tax ad valorem without a vote of the people at a rate not to exceed 0.0500 on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

The money in this fund may only be used for the purchase of capital assets including land, improvements to land, and major items of equipment; the renovation of existing governmental facilities not including normal recurring maintenance; and the repayment of short

term financing issued to fund either of the referenced items. The County's annual budget and audit report must specifically identify this fund.

STATE

This is the State of Nevada Fund. The tax rate for this fund is set by the State Legislature every two years. This funding pays for capital debt incurred by the State, as well as State-operated parks.

SCHOOL DIST

This is the Distributive School Fund. NRS 387.195 requires that the Board of County Commissioners levy a tax of 0.7500 on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the support of the public schools within the Nye County School District.

SCHOOL DEBT

This is the School District's Debt Service Fund. NRS requires that the Board of County Commissioners levy a tax for the payment of interest and redemption of outstanding bonds of the County School District.

PAHRUMP TOWN

This is the Pahrump Town General and Debt Service Fund. This fund pays for the operations of the town of Pahrump as well as funded debt, outstanding bonds, and other debt.

PAH LIB DIST

This is the Pahrump Library District Fund. This fund pays for the operations of the Pahrump Library. The Pahrump Library District was created by the Legislative Act #521 approved May 26, 1983 by the Nevada Legislature. This Act required that the Board of Commissioners create the District with boundaries being the same as the Town of Pahrump; to appoint district library trustees; to levy a tax upon all taxable property in the District pursuant to the budget submitted by the Trustees; and to otherwise proceed as required by law with respect to County library districts.

PAH POOL

This is the Pahrump Swimming Pool Fund. This fund pays for the operations of the Pahrump Swimming Pool. NRS chapter 318 allows for the creation of General Improvement Districts (commonly referred to as "318 Districts"). Swimming pools are included in NRS 318.143.3 as a recreational facility.

LANDFILL

In contrast to all of the previously discussed ad valorem tax levies, the landfill item on your tax bill is a fee authorized by NRS 444.553. The Board of County Commissioners by Ordinance #s 164 and 165 elected to impose fees for the operation of the County's landfills.

NYE WATER DIST TAX

The Nye County Water District Tax is also a fee on your tax bill. This fee is used to help fund the Nye County Water District which was established in 2007 by the Nevada Legislature pursuant to NRS Chapter 542 to develop sustainable sources of water vital to long-term economic development, protection of the environment, and the well-being of the residents of Nye County.

** Further information concerning taxing authorization, rates, and uses of taxes collected can be found at www.tax.state.nv.us.**