

5.5 Local Government

Since 1919 the City of Tallahassee has operated under a Commission-Manager form of government. The Mayor and four Commissioners are elected at-large for staggered four-year terms with elections for two commission seats being held every other year. The City Commission appoints four officers to administer the duties of the city: City Manager, City Treasurer-Clerk, City Auditor, and City Attorney. The County is guided by an elected seven-member Board of County Commissioners, five of whom are elected to serve specific commission districts and two members are elected at-large. Each Commissioner is elected to a four-year term with the position of Chairperson selected annually on a rotating basis. The County Administrator is appointed by the Board to oversee all functions, directives and policies. The County Administrator administers all county offices not governed by elected County officials. Elected County officials include the Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Clerk of the Court, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector.

Figure 5-5
Property Tax Rate (2006)

Taxing Authority	Millage Rate	Where Tax is Applied
Leon County Commission		
General Property Tax	7.990	Anywhere in Leon County
County Health MSTU	0.000	Anywhere in Leon County
County EMS MSTU	0.500	Anywhere in Leon County
Leon County School Board		
State Law	5.178	Anywhere in Leon County
Local Board	2.742	Anywhere in Leon County
School Bond	0.536	Anywhere in Leon County
Tallahassee City Commission	3.700	Within City Limits Only
NW Florida Water Mgmt. District	0.050	Anywhere in Leon County
Downtown Improvement Authority	1.000	In the Downtown Area Only
Inside City Limits Total	20.696	
Outside City Limits Total	16.996	
Downtown Improvement Area	21.696	

Source: Leon County Property Appraiser