

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 (2008)

Taxing Authority	Millage Rate	Where Tax is Applied
Leon County Commission		
General Property Tax	7.8500	Anywhere in Leon County
County Health MSTU	0.0000	Anywhere in Leon County
County EMS MSTU	0.5000	Anywhere in Leon County
Leon County School Board		
State Law	5.1460	Anywhere in Leon County
Local Board	2.4500	Anywhere in Leon County
School Bond	0.2240	Anywhere in Leon County
Tallahassee City Commission	3.2115	Within City Limits Only
NW Florida Water Mgmt. District	0.0450	Anywhere in Leon County
Downtown Improvement Authority	1.0000	In the Downtown Area Only
Inside City Limits Total	19.4265	
Outside City Limits Total	16.2150	
Downtown Improvement Area	20.4265	

Source: Leon County Property Appraiser