

Talking Points – Lower Property Taxes Now September 1, 2006

"Lower Property Taxes Now"

- Taxes are 20-50% higher than other Illinois communities
- Signed petitions call for 10-20% decrease in county governments tax rates
- Time is now to commit to decrease taxes
- See comparative tax rates below (2005 taxes paid in 2006)
- 1500 signed petitions

	Combined Tax Rate <u>Per \$100 EAV</u>	Effective Tax Rate Percent of <u>Fair Market Value</u>	Est. Taxes \$100,000 <u>House</u>	Est. Taxes \$1,000,000 <u>Building</u>
Bloomington	7.52	2.51	\$2,134	\$25,100
Champaign	7.55	2.52	2,142	25,200
Normal	7.34	2.45	2,083	24,500
Springfield	7.81	2.60	2,210	26,000
Forsyth	7.10	2.37	2,014	23,700
South Wheatland	6.72	2.24	1,904	22,400
<i>Decatur</i>	8.99	2.99	2,542	29,999

Ways to Lower Government Costs and Taxes – All Government Units

- Adopt spending policies that spending (taxes) cannot increase more than inflation and change in population
- Limit Capital Expenditures to conform to above policy
- Explore outsourcing of certain government services to reduce expenses
- Consider all possible inter-government cooperation to share purchasing power and reduce costs of purchased service.
- Consider disposal of excess assets to permit temporary tax increase
- Explore possible inter-governmental integration of services and units
- Benchmark costs of government services and reduce costs to benchmark levels

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