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Certification of Local Option Income Tax – Budget Year 2016
Wells County

Operating (Levy Freeze) LOIT:
An ordinance to adopt any of the LOIT options described below may be adopted anytime **before November 2, 2015.** The Operating (Levy Freeze) LOIT effectively freezes the maximum property tax levies for an adopting county's civil units of government and replaces the annual maximum levy growth with income tax (LOIT) proceeds. This rate is capped at 1% and is annually recertified for each county by the Department of Local Government Finance ("Department").

Please Note: Indiana Code 6-3.5-1.1-24(h) dictates that once adopted, a rate for Operating (Levy Freeze) LOIT is permanent: "[...] a county council may not decrease or rescind a tax rate imposed under this chapter." Also, once a rate is adopted for the Operating (Levy Freeze) LOIT, property tax maximum permissible levies are frozen as of the year of adoption and cannot grow annually as they normally would.

Indiana Code 6-3.5-1.1-24 requires the Department and the Department of Revenue to certify the rate that must be imposed in a county to raise tax revenues as specified. Therefore, the Department and the Department of Revenue certify the following rates for Wells County:

2016 Total Certified LOIT Rate:	**0.5253%**
2016 Rate for Levy Freeze:	**0.447%**
2016 Rate for Property Tax Relief*:	**0.0783%**

*This rate is continued from 2009 and is in addition to any rate adopted by Wells County under IC 6-3.5-1.1-26. Under IC 6-3.5-1.5-1(e), unless a new ordinance is passed to the contrary: "Notwithstanding IC 6-3.5-1.1-24(h), and IC 6-3.5-6-30(h), if a county has adopted an income tax rate under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24 or IC 6-3.5-6-30 to replace property tax levy growth, the part of the tax rate under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24 or IC 6-3.5-6-30 that was used before January 1, 2009, to reduce levy growth in the county family and children's fund property tax levy and the children's psychiatric residential treatment services property tax levy shall instead be used for property tax relief in the same manner that a tax rate under IC 6-3.5-1.1-26 or IC 6-3.5-6-32 is used for property tax relief." Please contact Courtney Schaafsma at cschaafsma@dlgf.in.gov with any questions about this provision.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2015.

Courtney L. Schaafsma, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance

Other LOIT Options

Property Tax Relief LOIT
Indiana Code 6-3.5-1.1-26 allows a county to adopt an additional CAGIT to:

1. Provide local property tax replacement credits to all property;
2. Provide or increase the homestead credit percentage uniformly; or
3. Provide local property tax replacement credits to qualified residential property.

This additional CAGIT can be raised in increments of 0.05% up to a maximum of 1.00%.

Public Safety LOIT
Indiana Code 6-3.5-1.1-25 allows a county to adopt an additional CAGIT for Public Safety. Counties do not need to adopt the additional CAGIT for Operating (Levy Freeze), the CAGIT for Property Tax Relief or a combination of both in order to adopt an additional CAGIT for Public Safety. The Public Safety CAGIT rate can be adopted up to a maximum of 0.25%.