

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1058N
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2256

Notice is hereby given the fiscal officers and taxpayers of all taxing units located in Porter County, Indiana, that prior to the review of the budgets, tax rates and levies for the year 2011 payable 2012, the Department of Local Government Finance, by its representatives, will conduct a public hearing on said matter, to be held in Commission Chambers, Suite 205, Porter County Administration Building, 155 Indiana Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383 on the date and time as follows:

December 12, 2011 at 9:00 CST
Duneland School Corporation
East Porter County School Corporation
Boone Township School Corporation
Michigan City School Corporation
Valparaiso Community School Corporation
Portage Township School Corporation
Union Township School Corporation
Porter Township School Corporation
Boone Township
Center Township
Jackson Township
Liberty Township
Morgan Township
Pine Township
Pleasant Township
Portage Township
Porter Township
Union Township
Washington Township
Westchester Township
Valparaiso Civil City
Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission
Portage Civil City
Portage Redevelopment Commission
Chesterton Civil City
Chesterton Redevelopment Commission
Beverly Shores Civil Town
Kouts Civil Town
Burns Harbor Civil City
Burns Harbor Redevelopment Commission
Dune Acres Civil Town
Hebron Civil Town
Ogden Dunes Civil Town
Pines Civil Town
Porter Civil Town
Porter Redevelopment Commission
Porter County Public Library
Westchester Public Library
West Porter Township Fire Protection District
Porter County Airport Authority
Porter County Solid Waste Management District
White Oak Conservancy District
Valparaiso Lakes Conservancy District
Indiana Boundary Conservancy District
Twin Creeks Conservancy District
Damon Run Conservancy District
Nature Works Conservancy District
Porter County Unit

Assessed values will be available for review in the County Auditor's Office at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Department budget hearing. Taxpayers shall have the right to be heard and/or to present written testimony on the budgets, tax rates and tax levies as adopted by the above named taxing units.

The following only apply if the County Board of Tax Adjustment or County Auditor modifies the budgets, tax rates, or tax levies of a political subdivision:

Ten (10) or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision may initiate an appeal from the modification of a political subdivision's budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing a statement of their objections with the County Auditor. The statement must be filed not later than ten (10) days after the publication of the notice required by IC 6-1.1-17-12. The statement must specifically identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which the taxpayers object. The County Auditor shall forward the statement, along with the taxing unit's budget, to the Department. IC 6-1.1-17-13.

A political subdivision may appeal to the Department for an increase in its tax rate or tax levy as modified by the county board of tax adjustment or the county auditor. To initiate the

judgment of the county auditor. To initiate the appeal, the political subdivision shall file a statement with the Department not later than ten (10) days after publication of the notice required by IC 6-1.1-17-12. The legislative body of the political subdivision must authorize the filing of the statement by adopting a resolution. The resolution must be attached to the statement of objections, and the statement must be signed by:

(1) In the case of counties, by the board of county commissioners and by the president of the county council.

(2) In the case of all other political subdivisions, by the highest executive officer and by the presiding officer of the legislative body. IC 6-1.1-17-15.

Department of Local Government Finance
Brian E Bailey, Commissioner
(December 7, 2011)