



## Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office

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### **Does the Sheriff decide how much Property Tax I owe and how are they calculated?**

Answer: The Sheriff does not decide how much property tax you owe. Your taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of your property times the total millage rates attached to your property. The assessed value is determined by the Terrebonne Parish Assessor and the millage rates are voted on by the parish residents. The Assessor's Office is located in the Government Towers 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Phone 985-876-6620.

Assessed values are determined by the Terrebonne Parish Tax Assessor's Office. According to the Assessor, the amount of taxes owed is calculated by taking the assessed value of the property and subtracting the amount of homestead exemption if applicable. The result is then multiplied by the total millage applicable to the property as shown on your tax notice. Please note that crime fees, fire fees and city taxes are NOT subject to homestead exemption.

Millage is the percentage of value that is used in calculating taxes. A mill is defined as 1/10 of 1 percent and is multiplied by the assessed value after any exemptions have been subtracted to calculate the taxes. For example, if the tax rate is 150 mills and the assessed value is \$10,000 with no exemptions, the taxes would be calculated as  $\$10,000.00 \times .150 = \$1,500.00$ . If the same residence has homestead exemption the taxes would be  $\$10,000.00 - \$7,500.00 \times .150 = \$375.00$  in taxes. Millages are voted on and approved by the public. If you have further questions as to how the assessed values of your property were determined or wish to dispute the assessed values appearing on your tax notice, contact the Terrebonne Parish Tax Assessor's Office at (985) 876-6620.