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Truth in Taxation

Transparency Oklahoma taxpayers can count on



A proven model, ready to enact in Oklahoma with improvements

A transparency tool, not a tax cut



Notify

Taxing entities tell taxpayers when they plan to collect more property tax revenue than the previous year.



Hear

A public hearing gives residents a voice before any increase moves forward.



Decide

Elected officials justify increases in public view, and own the decision.

It doesn't prevent tax increases. It ensures they happen in the light of day.

A proven model, built upon

Utah, 1985

First state to enact it. Officials must advertise meetings on proposed property tax increases and let owners give input.

Kansas

Built on Utah's model and added notice on the municipality's website for residents who don't subscribe to newspapers.

Oklahoma

Adopt the model and add the lessons learned from Kansas.

Kansas is seeing results

6

counties where property tax for local operations declined over three years

21

counties where increases averaged under 2% per year

48

counties held tax revenue constant in 2024

270

cities held tax revenue constant in 2024

Declines: Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark, Hamilton, Neosho and Ottawa counties.

Source: KansasOpenGov analysis of the Revenue Neutral Rate law, as cited in AFP Kansas op-ed (2025).

Enforcement gives the law teeth



What happened

The Kansas State Board of Tax Appeals ruled that a school district violated the law and must refund or reduce taxes.

What it shows

Enforcement matters, and more must be done to increase accountability at the local level.

Oklahoma opportunity

Pair notice and hearings with a clear remedy when entities fall short.

Enact it in Oklahoma, and improve it

Post notice online

Require hearing notices on each taxing entity's website, not only in newspapers.

Build in enforcement

Set clear remedies, such as refunds or reduced taxes, when entities don't comply.

Educate the public

Pair the law with additional outreach requirements so more residents know about hearings and take part.

Keep it focused

Treat valuation reform as its own track; keep this law about transparency.

Give Oklahoma taxpayers a voice

1. Require notice and a public hearing before any increase in local property tax revenue.
2. Add online notice and clear enforcement so the law reaches every taxpayer.
3. Focus on transparency and clarity or ease of access

Honesty, clarity and accountability, delivered.