

Smith County, Texas

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Delinquent Tax Roll Analysis & Report of Collections

Reporting Period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024



Northeast Texas Team



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The Linebarger Team

Our dedicated Linebarger team consists of a diverse group of professionals delivering exceptional customer service and representation.

Your team consists of 12 tenured attorneys and serving Northeast Texas and 8 talented professionals dedicated to Smith County. We are supported by more than 75 professionals in our Northeast Texas offices who work on behalf of our clients and the communities where we work and live.

Linebarger was established in 1976. Nationally, our firm is composed of over 1,000 employees, 120 attorneys, 160 information technology specialists and 280 call center personnel.



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Tyler Crawfish Boil

Smith County Team





Carter Blood Care Drive









Tyler Developmental Academy



Great Tyler Cleanup

What We Value

Our values shape our purpose and drive our business. We believe our clients, our people and our communities define who we are.



What We Value

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Strong Local Presence

Linebarger's Tyler Office Community Involvement



Whitehouse ISD Education Foundation Disco Night







Smith County Tax Sale Auctions go Online



Bullard ISD Football Coaches Lunch







Codes Affected 88th Texas Legislature



Arp ISD FFA Chili Dinner



Great Tyler Cleanup 2023

Legal Professional Services



Timeline & Delinquent Tax Collection Process

When your tax roll becomes delinquent and is turned over to us, our goal is to identify, process and collect every dollar possible.



Payment Options & Exemptions

Linebarger carries out the policies of the Tax Office to ensure property owners are provided with multiple options, as allowed by law. We strive to treat all property owners with the utmost respect and professionalism as a reflection on our Clients.

Regular Payment Agreements

Available to most taxpayers, depending on factual circumstances (may range from 90 days to 12 months)

Homestead Payment Agreements

State law permits property owners to obtain a minimum of 12 months to resolve their tax liability on homesteadexempt properties.

Post-Judgment Payment Agreements

Following the conclusion of a litigated case, taxpayers are given additional opportunities to resolve their tax liability.

Exemptions

Age 65 or Older
 Disabled Person
 Active Duty Military

 Veterans
 Homesteads



Current Year Turnover 2023 Tax Year

Data as of July 2024

Turnover Dates by Property Type

• Delinquent 2023 accounts were turned over to Linebarger on July 1, 2024

2023 Tax Turnover

- 2022 Tax: **\$1,732,830**
- 2023 Tax: \$2,230,677

2023 base tax turned over to Linebarger for collection increased by \$497,847 or 29%.



Status of Accounts for All Property Types

Data as of July 2024



			Top 25 accounts Smith County 2023 Tax Year	
	Name	Account #	Amount	Current Status
1	Breitburn Operating LP	066288860000W001001	\$46,001.04	PAID
2	Avalon Place Trust	181281000200115000	\$35,339.59	PAID
3	Sarahshua Enterprise LLC	150000120000022020	\$29,035.91	Suit Filed, SOLD
4	Manziel Nolan E Etal	150000083623014000	\$24,901.33	PAID
5	Ford James M & Doris Sims	10000056600004010	\$18,148.97	Tax Deferral
6	Birdies In The Pines LLC	Multiple	\$12,872.04	Suit Filed
7	Olp Havertportfolio LP	150000129200004020	\$12,119.49	PAID
8	S F K R LLC	150000093500005030	\$10,628.37	PAID
9	Ridge Wireline LLC	40100150932000	\$9,844.92	PAID
10	Greenlaw Lindale Properties LLC	11616100000002000	\$9,577.05	PAID
11	Picosa Arroyo Revocable Trust	1000005400003002	\$9,441.56	PAID
12	Richardson Steve & Sheri Culverhouse	100000036404080020	\$8,899.65	Bankruptcy
13	Kennedy John & Donna	10000000700007000	\$8,697.33	Suit Filed/ PAID
14	Shiloh OTM Harmony LP	150000154400006000	\$8,246.98	PAID
15	Good Donna	150000103211009000	\$8,100.12	PAID
16	Bishop Cody D & Gay Nell	158450000400025000	\$7,951.68	Tax Deferral
17	Deramo Mary Jane	150000153920013000	\$7,949.60	Tax Deferral
18	West Village Realty LLC	150000166200005030	\$7,942.10	PAID
19	Howes Charles Robert Jr & Susan	180095000300012000	\$7,477.80	Tax Deferral
20	Caldwell Gene W & Dorothy T	150000154200003010	\$7,432.35	Tax Deferral
21	Jones Family Trust	150000085200134020	\$7,391.93	PAID
22	Crowe Rickey L & Eddie Mae	17994700000036000	\$7,216.44	Tax Deferral
23	Venable Michael & Connie	150000072200114010	\$7,097.71	PAID
24	Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Inc	150000085501023160	\$6,671.06	PAID
25	Baumgartner David G & Cheryl	130014000300013000	\$6,197.70	Tax Deferral

Program Activities and Results January 2024 - December 2024

<u>ৰ</u> ুৰু	Lawsuit Filings	4583 Accounts	\$378,604.87
	Lawsuits Disposed	4748 Accounts	\$511,852.50
	Letters Mailed	42,609	\$24,004,095.11*
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Delinquent Taxes Collected:



Cost-Free Program to the jurisdiction.

attorney fees are legal statutory "add-on" fees, paid by delinquent taxpayers and not by the taxing entity.

Tax Sales & Resales



Smith County Total Collection Rate

8 Year Average Collections = 100.93%



*Source: Smith County Tax Office Reports; total tax collected as percent of adjusted levy.

Added Value Collections



Tax Sale Success	
3247 West Gentry	
Taxes Collected	\$295,831.00
Hotel Occupancy Tax Collected	\$178,721.77
Other City Liens Collected	\$ 557.32

Added Value Safety



Tax Sale February 4, 2025515 East Erwin Street, Former Tysen House HotelDemolition LiensTaxes Due\$ 23,538.21

Added Value Housing



Cause Number 13,859-C 613 South Ross Previous Value Before Tax Sale Current Value	\$ 3,312 \$214,762
Increase in Value	<mark><i>\$211,450</i></mark>
Current Tax	\$ 3,653

Thank you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



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