

Milam County Tax Phase In Program

The purpose of this incentive program is to encourage business and industry to come to and/or stay in Milam County by abating the impact of the ad valorem tax in the first few years of the investment period while the business is being established or renewed. Requests are to be submitted to the Milam County Industrial Development Corporation who will review the application and make a recommendation to the Commissioners Court for approval.

<u>Capital Investment</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
\$50,000 - \$100,000	3
\$101,000 - \$250,000	6
\$251,000 - \$1,000,000	9
>\$1,000,000	12

<u>Number of Jobs Created or Retained</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
1-5	3
6-15	6
16-30	9
>31	12

<u>Community Impact</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Commissioners may award up to 12 additional incentive points based on their subjective assessment of the overall long term potential impact of the company on the county's economy.	Up to 12

Total Points Awarded	Years of Abatement	% Abatement
<6	None	None
6 - 9	2	40%
12 - 15	2	50%
18 - 21	2	60%
24 - 27	3	80%
30	4	80%
36	5	80%

In specific cases that involve an extraordinary growth opportunity for Milam County, the Commissioner's Court (along with one of our cities if a municipality is involved) at their discretion may consider tax and other incentives beyond those stated in order to accommodate a business or industry that is interested in Milam County. Milam County is committed to the promotion of quality development in all parts of our county, and to improving the quality of life for our citizens.

Guidelines for Commissioner's Court to Consider in Awarding Community Impact Points

No significant Positive Impact	0 - 2
Desirable Positive Impact	3 - 7
Exceptional Positive Impact	8 - 12

Points to Consider

1. Is this company going to compete with existing businesses, potentially have a negative impact on existing business, then we may award fewer or no impact points.
2. Is this company likely to grow in future years adding more tax base and/or jobs in the future, then we may want to award more impact points.
3. In case of an existing business, have they been a significant contributor in the past, and will this investment help them survive/thrive in the future, then we may want to award more impact points.
4. Are we in stiff competition with other counties or locations to get this company, then we may want to award more impact points and even consider other incentives.
5. Are the jobs particularly good jobs, well paying jobs, are they going to hire a high percentage of local people, does the company offer good employee benefits, then we may want to award more impact points.
6. What is the impact on the community in terms of quality of life, environmental, appearance, potential for attracting additional businesses or residents to the community, utility needs, and so on.
7. The financial capacity of the applicant to undertake, complete, and sustain the proposed project.
8. Likelihood of this development incentive being a determining factor in the business's decision to locate or expand its operation.

Note: The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to decline to extend a tax phase-in incentive based on the circumstances of the individual application.