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PTELL – CPI for 2020 Extensions - Property Taxes Payable 2021

TO: County Assessors, Clerks and Tax Extenders in Counties Containing Taxing Districts Subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL)

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SUBJECT: CPI Change for 2020 Extensions (for property taxes payable in 2021) for Taxing Districts Subject to PTELL

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) "cost of living" or inflation percentage to use in computing the 2020 extensions (taxes payable in 2021) under PTELL is 2.3%

Section 18-185 of the Property Tax Code defines CPI as "the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United States Department of Labor." This index is sometimes referred to as CPI-U. Section 18-185 defines "extension limitation" and "debt service extension base" as "...the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year..." (emphasis added).

For 2020 extensions (taxes payable in 2021), the CPI to be used for computing the extension limitation and debt service extension base is 2.3%. The CPI is measured from December 2018 to December 2019. The U.S. City Average CPI for December 2018 was 251.233 and 256.974 for December 2019. The CPI change is calculated by subtracting the 2018 CPI from the 2019 CPI. The amount is then divided by the 2018 CPI which results in 2.3% CPI. $(256.974 - 251.233)/251.233 = 2.3\%$.

Information on PTELL may be accessed through the department's web site at www.tax.illinois.gov under the "Property Tax" link and the "Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL)" link under the "General Information" heading.

If you have any questions concerning the change in the consumer price index (CPI), please contact me at (217) 782-3016.