

**2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION Q & A
CREATION OF A CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT**

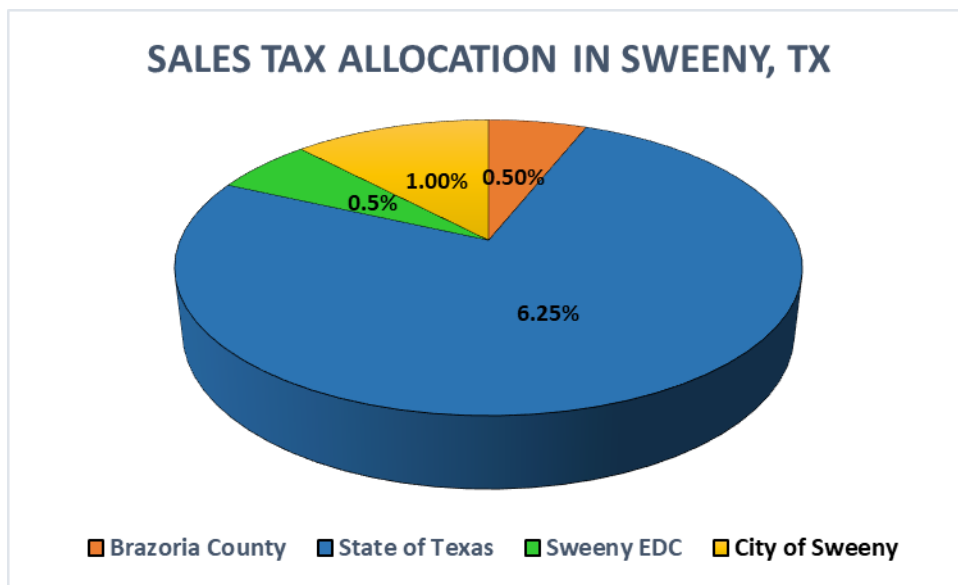
What is a Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD)?

A CCPD supports crime control and prevention programs, public safety operational expenses, and related capital purchases. The proposed District (CCPD) would collect a percentage of sales tax on sales within the City of Sweeny, consistent with Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Code.

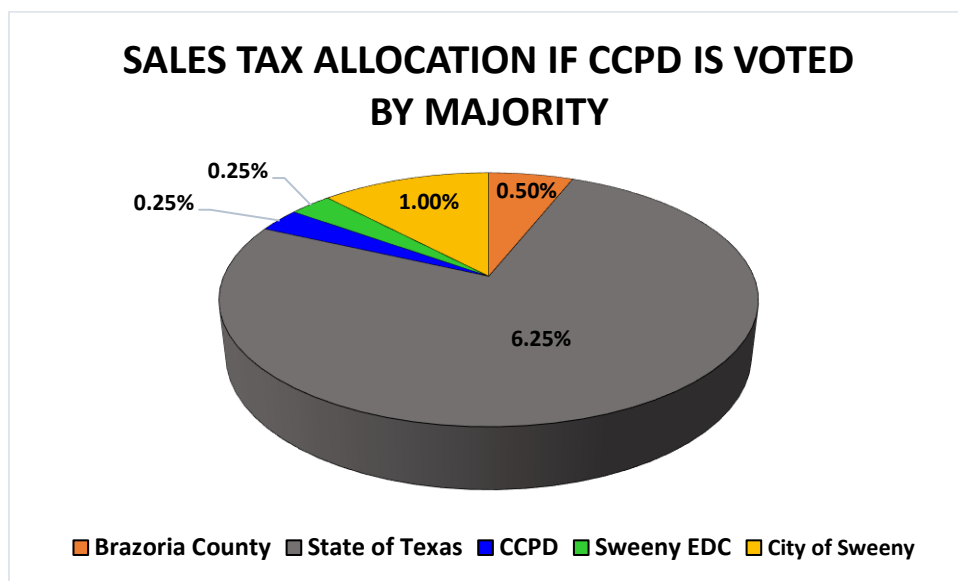
Is This a Tax Increase?

No. The sales tax rate would not increase; however, this proposed proposition item will involve two action items by voters: 1) Vote yes or no to funding the CCPD, and 2) Vote yes or no to changing the sales tax allocation currently dedicated to the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation.

The sales tax rate in the City of Sweeny is collected and allocated as such:



The proposed proposition would potentially shift the sales tax allocation to fund CCPD with one quarter of a percent of sales tax and reducing the SEDC by one quarter of a percent of sales tax as shown below:



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The City cannot operate on less than 1% of its sales tax allocation, therefore a reduction in the City's sales tax allocation is not possible without raising property taxes. By law, the State of Texas is allocated 6.25%, and Brazoria County is allocated 0.5% of sales tax. The maximum amount of sales tax over the 6.25% that the State collects is 2%. Currently, the City of Sweeny is maxed out on sales tax.

One quarter of one percent allocation to SEDC and CCPD are used only to show percentages. The law states that sales tax allocation special districts such as SEDC and CCPD must be allocated in one-eighth increments such as:

- 1/8 of 1%
- 1/4 of 1%
- 3/8 of 1%
- 1/2 of 1%

Whatever allocation voters approve to dedicate to fund a Crime Control and Prevention District, the same percentage will be reduced in allocation to Sweeny Economic Development Corporation.

How is the City's General Fund Affected?

Creation of the CCPD would allow for monetary relief to the City's General Fund, or the operating budget with saving on capital outlay purchases for the Sweeny Police Department, for items such as vehicles, body armor, facility improvements, technology, and other costly items. Once realized, the General Fund can reallocate resources to the needs of the City departments such as streets, drainage, parks and recreation, and other quality of life priorities. Currently, large purchases are either financed or are added to the City's operating budget, which is predominantly funded by property taxes.

The ballot proposition (Proposition number to be determined) will consider creating a Crime Control and Prevention District Sales Tax contingent on approval of a ballot proposition (proposition number TBD) by a majority voters to decrease SEDC allocation.