

Allocations Down Slightly for Seminole

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AUSTIN -- Sales tax rebates were down less than one percent in June 2009 allocations, as compared to June 2008 allocations, according to a monthly sales tax allocations report released by the Texas Comptroller's office for the State of Texas Friday morning.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, in the release, announced that the state collected \$1.77 billion in sales tax revenue in May, a 5.2 percent decrease compared to May 2008.

"Weakness throughout most sectors of the economy resulted in a significant decrease in May sales tax collections," Combs said. "While year-to-date sales tax revenue is up 0.5 percent for state fiscal 2009, further declines are expected this year." Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$441.1 million in June local sales tax allocations, down 3.9 percent compared to last June.

Seminole, in their allocation payment, received \$83,577.25 in the June 2009 payment, which was down 0.37-percent from the \$83,892.36 received by the City of Seminole in June 2008.

The City of Seagraves also saw a slight decline in their 2009 payment as compared to the same month in 2008, as the City received a payment of \$12,649.21. In June 2009, Seagraves received \$12,907.53.

Year-to-date, the City of Seminole is currently up 8.78-percent in allocation payments for the 2009 calendar year, as compared to 2008. The City has received \$587,001.83 in payments through Friday's report, compared to \$539,597.73 received through the same period in 2008.

Seagraves, according to the report, is up 4.92-percent in their year-to-date allocations, having received \$88,661.46 thus far in 2009. Through June 2008, Seagraves had received \$84,496.09.

Combs sent June sales tax allocations of \$297 million to Texas cities, down 3 percent compared to June 2008. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 0.5 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26.4 million, down 6.9 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties remain up 2.7 percent compared to 2008.

In addition, \$17.1 million went to 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state, down 0.9 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems received \$100.4 million in sales tax allocations, down 6 percent compared to a year ago.

June's sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

For details of June sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, July 10.

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