

Government

Lewis County

Lewis County was created by the Tennessee Legislature in 1843. The County is governed by a County Executive and eighteen county commissioners. Kenneth R. Turnbow has served as County Executive and Chairman of the County Commission since 2002. His address is:

Kenneth R. Turnbow, Mayor

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City of Hohenwald

The City of Hohenwald was founded in 1878 by German immigrants. In 1894 a group of Swiss immigrants settled south of Hohenwald and built their "New Switzerland". The two towns later merged under the name Hohenwald. The city is governed by a Mayor and four city council members. Don Jones has served as Mayor and City Manager since 2007. His address is:

Don Jones, Mayor

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Local Tax Structure

The State of Tennessee does not levy nor directly administer property taxes. It is levied on a local level, however, as tax on real and personal property, thus providing primary funding for city and county governments throughout the state. In addition, there is no State, County, nor City income tax.

Business Tax: A privilege tax is imposed on business giving them the right to do business in Lewis County. Depending on your business or classification, determination will be made as to what percent of gross sales make up the business tax. The County Clerk's office can provide specific information.

Businesses file a schedule of tangible personal property on the premises as of January 1. Property includes office machines, furniture, machinery, vehicles, tools, equipment (owned, leased out and leased by) at current value. Tax is levied on 30% of this value at the present rate of \$1.13 per \$100 for the city and \$2.28 per hundred for the county. For businesses in Hohenwald, the personal property tax is combined \$2.99 per hundred. Personal property taxes are deductible from business tax.

Property Taxes

Hohenwald

Lewis County

Rate per \$100 value

\$1.13

\$2.28

Ratio of Assessment

Residential

25%

25%

Industrial

40%

40%

Personal (Equipment)

(Inventory Tax) Raw Materials

Only

30%

30%

Bonded Debt

\$2.5 Million

\$5 Million

School Tax

None

None

Sales Tax

2.5%

Wheel Tax

\$20.00

Law Enforcement

Full-time officers in City of Hohenwald Police Department - 14

Full-time officers in Lewis County Sheriff's Department - 11

Fire Departments

Volunteer fire fighters in City of Hohenwald Fire Department - 30

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Insurance Service Office Ratings

City - Class 5

County - Class 7-9 varies

Planning Commission

City - City of Hohenwald Planning Commission

County - No Planning Commission

Zoning Regulations

City - City of Hohenwald Planning Commission regulates zoning

County - No regulations

Industrial Development Corporations

City - City of Hohenwald Industrial Development Board

County - No development corporation