

# Delinquent Tax Collection Performance Report

Prepared for the:  
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National Law Firm  
45 Offices in 12 States  
30 Offices in Texas

34-Year Local Presence in Dallas County  
Representing Grand Prairie  
since July 1991

42 Years of Collecting Delinquent  
Government Deliverables

Providing Funding for  
Essential Public Services

Connected & Invested  
in the Communities We Serve

Dallas Office Team - over 100 attorney  
and professional staff members working  
on your behalf

# Professional Services We Offer

Collecting Property  
Taxes



Bankruptcy  
Representation



State litigation &  
Appellate legal services



Legislative  
Initiatives & Support



Advice & Counsel  
on Complex  
Litigation Issues



## Delinquent Tax Collection Process



## Delinquent Tax Collection Program Activities and Results for Grand Prairie

(July 2017 – September 2018)



Linebarger collected  
\$2,538,589  
for Grand Prairie

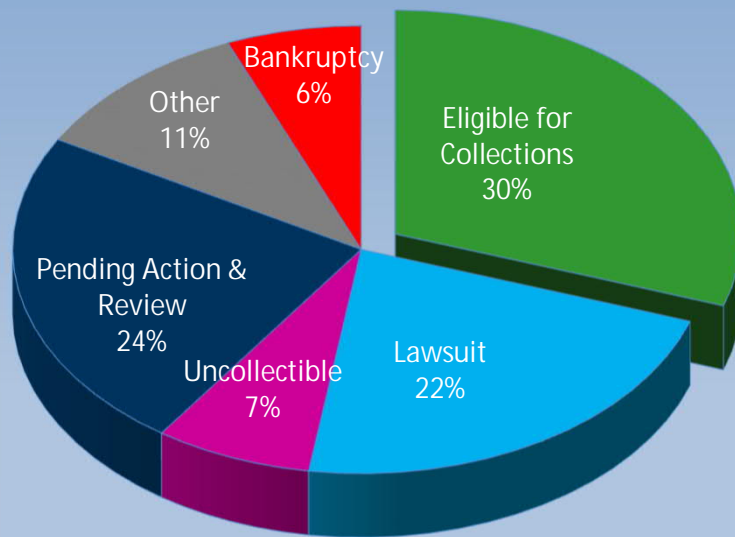
### Cost-Free Program to City

Linebarger attorney fees are legal statutory "add-on" paid by delinquent taxpayers and not by the City

Since our representation began in  
July 1991, we have collected  
over \$45 million  
for Grand Prairie

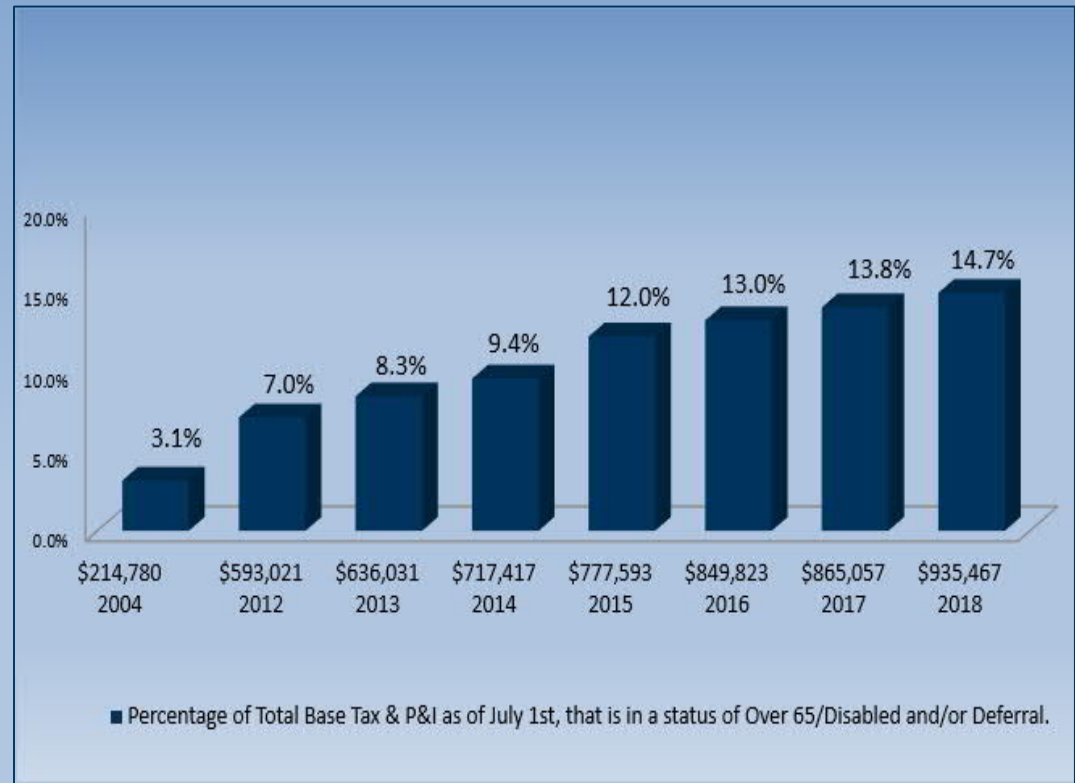
## Status of Accounts

As of November 2018



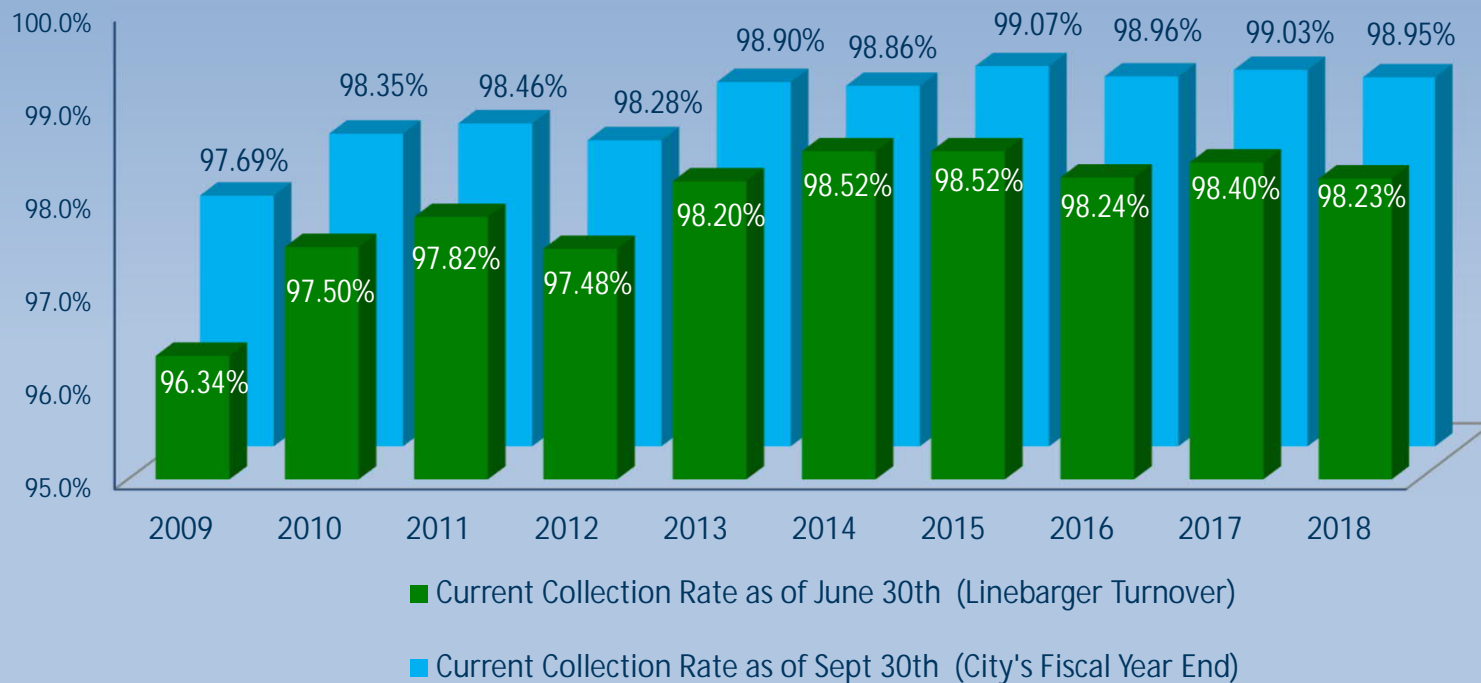
Total Base Tax, Penalty, Interest and Attorney Fees Due as of November 2018: 8,593 accounts for \$6,395,817

## Over 65/Disabled and/or Deferral Growth



## Current Year Collection Rate Comparison

The City's Year-End Current Collection Rate:  
98.95% in 2018



\* 2017 BPP accounts turned over to Linebarger on April 2, 2018

\* 2017 Real property & Mobile Home accounts turned over to Linebarger on July 1, 2018



## Community Participation and Investment



Partner Edward Lopez serves on Board of Directors for the LifeLine Shelter for Families, Inc. and the Grand Prairie Education Foundation.



Dallas County Tax Office and Linebarger are recognized by the Dallas County Commissioners Court for outstanding tax collections.

### Linebarger ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Texas on "Women in Law Scorecard"

Linebarger demonstrates its commitment to the employment of women lawyers. 36% of lawyers and 37.2% of partners are women.

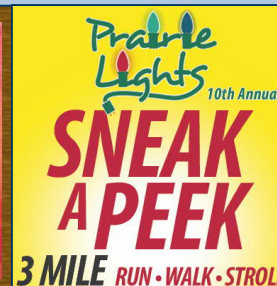
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Linebarger staff volunteer for Book Buddy & Career Day programs







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