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Chatham County Board of Commissioners
124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401



NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Chatham County, GA (July 7, 2026)

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 3.24 percent in General Maintenance and Operations taxes, an increase in property taxes by 3.67 percent in Special Service District taxes and an increase in property taxes by 3.30 percent in Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes.

All concerned citizens are invited to the **two public hearings** on this tax increase to be held at the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor of the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on **July 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

A **third public hearing** on this tax increase will be held at the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor of the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on **July 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**

This tentative increase will result in a General Maintenance and Operations millage rate of 10.518 mills, an increase of 0.330 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 10.188 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$24.75 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$550,000 is approximately \$74.25.

This tentative increase will result in a Special Service District millage rate of 6.502 mills, an increase of 0.230 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 6.272 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$275,000 is approximately \$23.00 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$550,000 is approximately \$51.75.

This tentative increase will result in a Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 0.940 mills, an increase of 0.030 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 0.910 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$2.25 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$550,000 is approximately \$6.75.

EXPLANATION OF NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The "Notice of Property Tax Increase" must be written as presented to meet the requirements of Georgia law; however, it should be clarified that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not tentatively adopted a millage rate. Use of the phrase "tentatively adopted" applies only to the legal notice, since the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not taken any action either "tentative" or otherwise on adopting a millage (tax) rate.

The "Notice of Property Tax Increase" puts taxpayers on alert that the proposed increase cannot exceed this amount. No action will be taken until after the public hearings at the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on July 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and July 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. If it is determined that these hearings are not required by state law, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners may decide to cancel the unnecessary hearings and take action at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

EXPLANATION OF FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

The "Five Year History of Levy" must be shown as presented to meet the requirements of Georgia law; however, it should be clarified that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not yet tentatively adopted a millage rate that would require an increase in property taxes.

The millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Old Chatham County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Commission Meeting Room, 124 Bull Street on July 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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