



## **Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

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# ***NEWS RELEASE***

**For Immediate Release**

**June 7, 2022**

### **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 9.75 percent in General Maintenance and Operations taxes, an increase in property taxes by 6.64 percent in Special Service District taxes and by 8.90 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 June 16, 2022, at 9:30 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 June 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

This tentative increase will result in a General Maintenance and Operations millage rate of 11.543 mills, an increase of 1.025 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 10.518 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$76.87 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$450,000 is approximately \$179.38.

This tentative increase will result in a Special Service District millage rate of 4.801 mills, an increase of 0.299 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 4.502 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$275,000 is approximately \$29.90 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$375,000 is approximately \$44.85.

This tentative increase will result in a Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.150 mills, an increase of 0.094 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 1.056 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market

value of \$225,000 is approximately \$7.05 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$375,000 is approximately \$14.10.

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## **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 June 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 24, 2022, 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 June 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.