

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 2.45 percent in General Maintenance and Operations taxes, an increase in property taxes by 1.61 percent in Special Service District taxes and 2.77 percent in Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing 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 28, 2019 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 0.276 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 11.267 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$13.80 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$34.50.

This tentative increase will result in a Special Service District millage rate of 4.99 mills, an increase of 0.079 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 4.911 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$5.93 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$9.88.

This tentative increase will result in a Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.15 mills, an increase of 0.031 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 1.119 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$1.55 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$3.87.

Additional information concerning this advertisement is presented below.

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 20, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 28, 2019, 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 28, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.