



City of Fairburn City Council

Agenda

September 25, 2023

6:00 PM

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

Mr. Tony Phillips
Mr. Rory Starkey
Ms. Brenda B. James

The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood
The Honorable James Whitmore

City Administrator
City Attorney
City Clerk

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The Honorable Mayor Avery
- II. Roll Call: City Clerk
- III. Public Hearings:
 - 1. **Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Millage Rate**
Recommendation: N/A (Finance)
- IV. Adjournment:

When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for for the following Issues:
(1) Personnel (2) Real Estate or (3) Litigation



CITY OF FAIRBURN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Millage Rate

ITEM TYPE: Presentation

SUBMITTED: 09/18/2023 **WORK SESSION:** 09/25/2023 **COUNCIL MEETING:** 09/25/2023

DEPARTMENT: Finance

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING: Yes

PURPOSE:

The City of Fairburn is having a public hearing to allow citizens to have discussion with regards to the setting of the millage rate.

HISTORY:

The City of Fairburn is proposing to keep the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the same as the current fiscal year. The current millage rate is 8.10 mills for regular millage, and 1.46 for General Obligation bond indebtedness, for a total of 9.56 mills.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

The City of Fairburn is considering the adoption of a regular millage rate of 8.10 mills and 1.46 for General Obligation bond indebtedness, for a total of 9.56 mills.

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 2024 Proposed Millage Rate Presentation - August 2023



FY 2024 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE



WHAT IS THE MILLAGE RATE AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Millage Rate is the tax rate used to calculate local property taxes. When multiplied against the assessed value of taxable property it calculates the amount of property tax to be paid. It represents the amount per every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.
- Example: A millage rate of 8 mills is \$8.00 per thousand of assessed value.
- The city must set a millage rate that provides sufficient revenue to support the Maintenance and Operations of the city for the new fiscal year.

HOW ARE TAXES ASSESSED?

In Georgia property is required to be assessed at 40% of the fair market value unless otherwise specified by law. (O.C.G.A. 48-5-7)

Property is assessed at the county level by the Board of Tax Assessors. The State Revenue Commissioner is responsible for examining the digests of counties in Georgia in order to determine that property is assessed uniformly and equally between and within the counties. (O.C.G.A. 48-5-340)

Property owners that do not agree with the assessed value on their proposed assessment may file an appeal to the county board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitration. (O.C.G.A. 48-5-311)

WHAT IS THE ROLLBACK RATE?

Each year, the Fulton County Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value of taxable property in the county for taxing purposes.

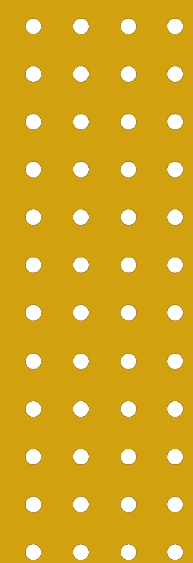
When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicates there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to reevaluate the value of such property and adjust the assessment. When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate produced.

If the city does not take the rollback rate, this must be advertised as a tax increase even if the city does not increase their tax rate.

ROLLBACK RATE vs CURRENT MILLAGE?

Current millage is 9.56 – Rollback millage is 8.79

	Current Millage			Rollback Rate	
Fair Market Value	\$	200,000.00		Fair Market Value	\$ 200,000.00
X 40%		0.40		X 40%	0.40
Assessed Value	\$	80,000.00		Assessed Value	\$ 80,000.00
Taxable Value	\$	80,000.00		Taxable Value	\$ 80,000.00
X Current Millage		0.00956		X Rollback Millage	0.00879
City Property Taxes	\$	764.80		City Property Taxes	\$ 703.20
	Difference per Year		\$ 61.60		



THANK YOU

