



## **PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2022 property taxes it will levy this year by 9.38% over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the County. When the trend of prices on properties that have been 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 re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred. The 2022 rollback rate would be 8.969 mills. The budget adopted by the Houston County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. The Commissioners must rollback the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate of 9.935 to 9.81 to operate under the mandated tax cap. By law, this must be advertised as a property tax increase.

Before the Houston County Board of Commissioners may set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase each of which will be held at the Houston County Annex building, 200 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia. The first public hearing will be held on July 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; the second on July 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; and the third on July 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. after which the Board will vote to adopt the 2022 Digest.