

Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase

The Long County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2019 property taxes it will levy this year by 0.01 percentage over the rollback millage rate. This tentative increase will result in the millage remaining at 15.695 mills for both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Long County, the same rate as last year. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 15.677 mills. The impact of this proposed tax increase will be \$0.00 (zero) for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$275,000 will also be \$0.00.

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 recently sold in the County indicate 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. This year Long County has continued to see new residential parcels created, which has also increased the value of the property digest

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 budget tentatively adopted by the Long County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Long County Board of Commissioners may finalize the tentative budget and 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 to be held in the Long County Courthouse at 59 S. McDonald Street, Ludowici, Georgia at:

August 20, 2019 at 9:30 am

September 3, 2019; at 9:30 am

September 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm (to be followed by the Regular BOC Meeting to set the final millage rate).

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Long County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted the 2019 millage rate, which will require an increase in property taxes by 0.01% over the roll-back rate.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the 0.01 percent for unincorporated Long County and 0.03 percent for incorporated Long County. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this proposed tax increase to be held at the Long County Courthouse at 459 S. McDonald Street, Ludowici, Georgia:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 9:30 am.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at:

September 3, 2019 at 9:30 am, and

September 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

All three (3) hearings will take place at the Long County Courthouse at 459 S. McDonald Street, Ludowici, Georgia.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 15.695 mills for both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Long County, an increase of **0.00 mills**. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 15.677 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately **\$0.00** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$275,000 is approximately **\$0.00**.

The proposed millage rates for 2019 are the same as for 2018. The increase in overall anticipated taxes is due to increases in the digest caused by additions and re-assessments.

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