

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

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The Sumter County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2017 property taxes it will levy this year by 1.96% over the rollback millage rate. This increase will affect Sumter County tax districts 6 – Americus Downtown and 16 – Americus only.

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.

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 would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Sumter County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Sumter 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 at the Sumter County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, 500 West Lamar Street, Americus, GA on **Tuesday, August 01, 2017 at 10:00 A.M and at 6:00 P.M. and on Tuesday, August 08, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.**

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Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Sumter County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, 500 West Lamar Street, Americus, Georgia on **Tuesday, August 08, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.**

The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 13.225 mills, an increase of 0.254 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 12.971 mills.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$9.65 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$10.16.

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