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# 2017 Tax Millage Rate

## Public Hearings

The City of Lake Park will hold the first of three Public Hearings to discuss the 2017 Tax Millage Rate increase of 1 Mill. The public hearing will begin at 8:30 AM on Tuesday August 22, 2017 at the Lake Park City Hall.

The second meeting will be Tuesday August 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Lake Park City Hall.

The third Meeting will be Tuesday August 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Lake Park City Hall.

*\*Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-559-7470 promptly to allow the city to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.*



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Public Hearing  
August 22, 2017  
8:30 AM

Mayor Schindler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 AM.

Those present were as follows; Mayor Schindler, Council Members Ronald Carter, Rubinell McDonald, and Jena Sandlin, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, and citizens.

Mayor Schindler called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the 2017 Tax Millage Rate. He then read the City of Lake Park has tentatively adopted a 2017 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 14.95 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Lake Park City Hall, 120 N. Essa St., Lake Park, Ga. on August 22, 2017 at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm. The final meeting will be on August 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.552 mills, an increase of 0.980 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 6.570 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$43.21 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$39.28.

Mayor asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition of the proposed 2017 Tax Millage Rate, there were none.

Mayor then asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the proposed 2017 Tax Millage Rate.

Julie Wilbers, 360 Back Forty, stated she was in favor of the small increase. She further stated that she was aware that there would also be a water increase mandated if the city is awarded the grant to improve the water system. Again she stated that the small increase is better than a big jump all at once.

Bob Wilbers, 360 Back Forty, stated that he has a history of working and dealing with municipalities. He is well aware of the financial struggle it can be and is in favor of the increase. He stated that the city has to be better prepared to take care of their employees who in turn take care of the citizens.

Jeff Patterson, 503 Ricks Ave, wanted to ask Council if this increase would leave the city with funds to carry over. Mayor answered by saying the proposed millage rate would not balance the budget but would help the city to move forward in

preparing for upcoming expenses. Patterson stated he saw both sides of the situation, one being a city employee and knowing the financial constraints and two being a property owner and tax payer. He said he was in favor of the increase.

Tabatha Fowler, 211 Lawrence St, stated the clerk's office has received a few inquiries about the increase, some of who do not even own property in the city, and some of whom are on fixed income and/or disability. Once explaining and helping to calculate an estimated increase on their property, they all seemed ok. So far there has been no one to voice any great concern over the proposed increase.

There being no others to speak in favor or in opposition, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 9:00 AM.

Read & approved Tabatha Fowler Date 9-5-17



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# 2017 Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing Tuesday August 22, 2017

<u>SIGNATURE:</u>	Attendance	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
<u>Jean Williams</u>		<u>360 Back Forty LP</u>
<u>Phil Williams</u>		<u>360 Back Forty DR</u>
<u>Carl Smith</u>		<u>353 Back Forty Drive</u>
<u>Tom BARR</u>		<u>395 Back Forty Drive</u>
<u>JEFF PATTERSON</u>		

## **NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The **City of Lake Park** has tentatively adopted a 2017 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by **14.95** percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Lake Park City Hall, 120 N. Essa St., Lake Park, Ga. on **August 22, 2017 at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm.**

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at Lake Park City Hall, 120 N. Essa St., Lake Park, Ga. on **August 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm.**

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **7.552 mills**, an increase of **0.980 mills**. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than **6.570 mills**. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$125,000** is approximately **\$43.21** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$100,000** is approximately **\$39.28.**

## CITY OF LAKE PARK

The City of Lake Park does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Lake Park City Hall, 120 N. Essa St. on August 29, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

### CURRENT 2017 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY OF LAKE PARK	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Real & Personal	24,692,336	24,551,920	24,574,260	24,969,816	24,893,358	25,250,393
Motor Vehicles	1,194,570	1,262,780	1,239,330	967,570	801,800	579,010
Mobile Homes	34,739	35,966	30,045	29,364	28,175	22,460
Timber - 100%	0	0	8,766	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	22,681	7,462
Gross Digest	25,921,645	25,850,666	25,852,401	25,966,750	25,746,014	25,859,325
Less M&O Exemptions	1,249,658	1,418,550	1,373,705	1,322,696	1,573,441	1,652,158
Net M & O Digest	24,671,987	24,432,116	24,478,696	24,644,054	24,172,573	24,207,167
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value						
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	24,671,987	24,432,116	24,478,696	24,644,054	24,172,573	24,207,167
Gross M&O Millage	8.940	9.330	10.673	10.677	10.422	11.578
Less Rollback (LOST)	3.888	4.278	4.121	4.125	3.870	4.026
Net M&O Millage	5.052	5.052	6.552	6.552	6.552	7.552
Total County Taxes Levied	\$124,643	\$123,431	\$160,384	\$161,468	\$158,379	\$182,810
Net Taxes \$ Increase	-\$3,283	-\$1,212	\$36,953	\$1,083	-\$3,089	\$24,431
Net Taxes % Increase	-2.57%	-0.97%	29.94%	0.68%	-1.91%	15.43%