



SANDY SPRINGS

GEORGIA

To: John McDonough, City Manager
From: Karen Ellis, Finance Director
Date: For the July 16 and August 6, 2019 City Council Meetings

Agenda Item: Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing and Set Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020

City Manager's Office Recommendation:

Approve the ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, for the 2019 calendar year, on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City is hereby fixed at 4.731 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of property subject to ad valorem tax by the City. Said rate of \$4.731 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of taxable property is hereby levied.

Background:

The Georgia Taxpayers Bill of Rights, in effect since 2000, requires the City to advertise a millage rate as a property tax increase if this rate is not fully rolled back. The impact of the reassessment and reevaluations this past year resulted in a property tax increase of 3.05% following the "rollback" calculation that evaluates total revenue collected from property taxes year to year. This property tax increase contributed to an increase in total net taxes levied of 11.91% from 2018 to 2019. The FY2020 Budget proposes the adoption of a millage rate of 4.731 mills, which is the same millage rate the Sandy Springs Charter permits.

Discussion:

Sandy Springs millage rate combined with the homestead exemption results in a lower tax burden than most of its neighboring municipalities. By leaving the millage rate the same, we continue to ensure superior, responsive customer service and the high quality of services to the residents of Sandy Springs. Notice has been advertised that the City of Sandy Springs will hold a public hearing and set the millage rate on the 6th day of August at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS,
GEORGIA, TO SET THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS,
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia as follows:

SECTION I: The ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, for the 2019 calendar year, on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City is hereby fixed at \$4.731 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of property subject to ad valorem tax by the City.

SECTION II: Said rate of 4.731 mills on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of taxable property is hereby levied as follows:

(a) For General Government purposes 4.731 mills on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of taxable property.

SECTION III: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 6th day of August 2019.

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

By: _____
Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

Coty Thigpen, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form and Content:

Dan Lee, City Attorney

NOTICE

The City of Sandy Springs, Mayor and City Council do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Sandy Springs City Hall, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30328 on August 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 do 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 2019 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

| MUNICIPAL | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Real & Personal | 6,661,194,562 | 7,235,617,434 | 7,555,435,870 | 7,692,861,340 | 8,662,406,563 | 9,781,014,003 |
| Motor Vehicles | 267,150,490 | 187,532,150 | 128,485,280 | 84,974,890 | 57,197,080 | 40,913,220 |
| Mobile Homes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Timber - 100% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Heavy Duty Equipment | 10,253 | 0 | 268,837 | 0 | 44,529 | 25,600 |
| Gross Digest | 6,928,355,305 | 7,423,149,584 | 7,684,189,987 | 7,777,836,230 | 8,719,648,172 | 9,821,952,823 |
| Less M & O Exemptions | 523,071,081 | 603,418,507 | 636,051,601 | 591,528,131 | 842,136,052 | 1,006,093,465 |
| Net M & O Digest | 6,405,284,224 | 6,819,731,077 | 7,048,138,386 | 7,186,308,099 | 7,877,512,120 | 8,815,859,358 |
| State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Net M&O Digest | 6,405,284,224 | 6,819,731,077 | 7,048,138,386 | 7,186,308,099 | 7,877,512,120 | 8,815,859,358 |
| Gross M&O Millage | 8.127 | 8.104 | 8.019 | 8.071 | 7.800 | 7.567 |
| Less Rollbacks | 3.396 | 3.373 | 3.288 | 3.340 | 3.069 | 2.836 |
| Net M&O Millage | 4.731 | 4.731 | 4.731 | 4.731 | 4.731 | 4.731 |
| Net Taxes Levied | \$30,303,400 | \$32,264,148 | \$33,344,743 | \$33,998,424 | \$37,268,510 | \$41,707,831 |
| Net Taxes \$ Increase | | \$1,960,748 | \$1,080,595 | \$653,681 | \$3,270,086 | \$4,439,321 |
| Net Taxes % Increase | | 6.47% | 3.35% | 1.96% | 9.62% | 11.91% |

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Sandy Springs, Mayor and City Council have tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 3.05 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Sandy Springs City Hall, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, Georgia on July 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Sandy Springs City Hall, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, Georgia on August 6, 2019 at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 4.731 mills, an increase of .14 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 4.591 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$6.30 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$25.20.