

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: August 11, 2010

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: To receive input as it relates to establishing a millage rate to be levied for the Fiscal Year 2011 as required by O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 et seq. (Public Hearing)

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the August 17, 2010, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:

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PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:

8/17/10

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED:

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CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL:

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REMARKS:



To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Amy Davis, Finance Director

Date: For the August 17, 2010, City Council Meeting

Agenda Item: Ad valorem tax rate public hearing for fiscal year 2011.

CMO (City Manager's Office) Recommendation:

Approve the ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, for the 2010 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 **decrease** of 1.97% following the "rollback" calculation that evaluates total revenue collected from property taxes year to year. This property tax decrease contributed to a **decrease** in total net taxes levied of 3.47% from 2009 to 2010.

The FY2011 Budget proposes the adoption of a millage rate of 4.731 mills, which is the same millage rate the Sandy Springs Charter permits.

Discussion:

The Sandy Springs's 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 on the 17th day of August at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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