

## NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Houston County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a 2022 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 9.38 percent.

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 been recently sold in the County indicates 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 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 2022 rollback rate would be 8.969 mills. The budget adopted by the Houston County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. The Commissioners must rollback the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) millage rate of 9.935 to 9.81 to operate under the mandated tax cap. By law, this must be advertised as a property tax increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the first of three public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Houston County Annex Building, 200 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia on July 20, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Houston County Annex Building, 200 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia on July 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm and on July 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm after which the Board will vote to approve the 2022 Digest.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 9.81 mills, an increase of 0.841 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 8.969 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$175,000 is approximately \$57.19 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$350,000 is approximately \$117.74.