

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Hazlehurst has tentatively adopted a 2023 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by .97 percent over the rollback rate. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the City Hall, 86 South Cromartie Street, Hazlehurst, Ga. On the following dates:

September 28, 2023 at 10:30 AM

September 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM

October 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8.00, an increase of .077 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.923 mills. The proposed tax increased for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$3.08 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$7.70.

NOTICE

The City of Hazlehurst does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the City Hall on October 5th, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 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 2023 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

City of Hazlehurst	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Real & Personal	92,797,851	80,015,383	82,635,564	81,949,419	86,292,221	91,846,700
Motor Vehicles	1,675,380	1,421,630	1,106,590	1,370,780	1,349,480	1,327,820
Mobile Homes	324,917	326,950	321,808	426,446	465,638	441,906
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	94,798,148	81,763,963	84,063,962	83,746,645	88,107,339	93,616,426
Less Exemptions	8,056,348	9,168,660	6,274,740	8,221,263	7,982,534	12,189,808
NET DIGEST VALUE	86,741,800	72,595,303	77,789,222	75,525,382	80,124,805	81,426,618
R A T E	8.0000	8.0000	8.0000	8.0000	8.0000	8.0000
(Maintenance & Operation)						
TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$693,934	\$580,762	\$622,314	\$604,203	\$640,998	\$651,413
Net Tax \$ Increase		(\$113,172)	\$41,551	(\$18,111)	\$36,795	\$10,415
Net Tax % Increase		-16.31%	7.15%	-2.91%	6.09%	1.62%

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Hazlehurst today announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by .97 percent county wide over the rollback millage rate.

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 increase 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 new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Hazlehurst requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the City of Hazlehurst may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the following locations at the indicated times:

September 28, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

City Hall

86 S Cromartie Street

Hazlehurst, Ga 31539

and

October 5, 2023, 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

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