



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Items
 - a. Council Final Public Hearing and Adoption of 2019 Millage Rate Ordinance (Finance)
4. Adjournment



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING



SUBJECT: 3rd Public Hearing 2019 Millage Rate

DATE OF MEETING: 8/8/2019

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
2019 Millage Rate Advertisement	Cover Memo	7/30/2019
2019 Millage Rate Ordinance	Cover Memo	8/5/2019



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of South Fulton has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require a levy of 11.579 mills for 2019. All concerned citizens are invited to the three public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the South Fulton Service Center Auditorium located at, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, South Fulton, GA 30349 at the following dates and times:

- **First and Second Public Hearings Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**
- **Third Public Hearing and setting of millage rate will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Clerk at diane.white@cityofsouthfultonga.gov or call 470-809-7712. Thank you.

The City of South Fulton has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 5.26 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the South Fulton Service Center Auditorium at 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349 on August 1, 2019 at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

An additional public hearing on this tax increase will be held at the South Fulton Service Center Auditorium at 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349 on August 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 11.579 mills, an increase of 0.579 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 11.000 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$5.80 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$29.00.

CURRENT 2019 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

Description	2017	2018	2019
Real	1,925,185,260	2,408,502,730	2,723,649,990
Personal	1,134,210,892	908,673,462	655,589,933
Motor Vehicles	59,199,320	0	4,376,100
Mobile Homes	5,600	5,600	5,600
Timber – 100%	18,000	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	156,184	5,200	39,123
Gross Digest	3,118,775,256	3,317,196,982	3,383,660,746
Exemptions	919,192,932	669,489,200	728,618,875
Net Digest	2,199,697,894	2,647,707,792	2,655,041,871
FLPA Reimbursement Value			
Adjusted Net M & O Digest	2,199,697,894	2,647,707,792	2,655,041,871
Gross M & O millage rate	7.719	11.579	11.579
Less Millage rate rollback	0	0	0
Net M & O Millage rate	7.719	11.579	11.579
Net Taxes Levied	16,906,218.29	33,907,936.21	30,742,730

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON FY2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET (OCT 2019 – SEPT 2020)

	FY 2017 Adopted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Amended	FY 2020 Proposed
REVENUES				
Taxes	12,289,634	44,563,253	61,901,682	63,068,536
License	320,000	1,822,564	1,786,000	3,828,500
Fines & Forfeitures	174,291	278,348	380,000	325,000
Charge For Service	877,683	606,420	648,755	498,920
Other Financing Sources	3,125,000	2,918,267	4,449,500	4,395,996
Borrowing	10,000,000	-	-	-
Total Proposed Reven	26,786,609	50,188,852	69,165,937	72,116,952

	FY 2017 Adopted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Amended	FY 2020 Proposed
EXPENDITURES				
Legislative	360,516	448,387	1,885,369	3,339,328
Executive	483,712	1,091,584	1,287,325	1,588,658
Gen & Admin	2,235,183	5,534,741	9,407,765	12,220,041
Judicial	814,901	612,473	1,113,949	699,083
Public Safety	17,814,390	31,136,919	27,946,613	33,012,898
Parks & Recreation	2,400,775	4,862,923	3,229,231	3,963,922
Debt Servicing	20,500	322,566	12,296,000	500,000
Capital	-	-	-	1,658,965
Public Works	2,244,774	7,339,476	10,515,685	12,650,057
Other Financing Uses	411,858	-	1,484,000	2,484,000
Total Expenditure	26,786,609	51,349,069	69,165,937	72,116,952
Excess(deficiency)		(1,160,217)		
Total Budget	26,786,609	50,188,852	69,165,937	72,116,952

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE 2019 MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY
PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, AND FOR
OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to local residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is charged with operating and maintaining City Government and pursuant to Section 1.12(b)(40) of the Charter of the City to provide for the assessment of ad valorem property taxes on all real and personal property subject to ad valorem taxation; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to levy a millage rate for purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the City’s expenses for the Fiscal Year 2020 and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes municipalities to impose ad valorem taxes on property; and

WHEREAS, the City’s anticipated millage rate will not result in a tax increase; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 560-11-2-.58, the City has properly given notice a week prior to the establishment of the millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of, and necessary to meet the expenses and obligations of, the City to set a levy in the amount of **11.579 mills** on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value for all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City as follows:

1. **Establishment of the Millage Rate for 2019.** The ad valorem tax at the rate for the City for the 2020 Fiscal Year on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City, is hereby fixed at **11.579 mills** on each \$1,000 of taxable value or any part thereof of the value of all real and personal property which under the Laws of this State is subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City for this purpose. Said millage rate is hereby levied for general government purposes.

2. **Tax Commissioner to Collect.** The Tax Commissioner of Fulton County or other designated tax collector is hereby authorized to bill and collect ad valorem taxes for the City for Fiscal Year Budget 2020 based on the millage rate set herein and to take, on behalf of the City, such actions authorized by the approved contract with the Tax Commissioner and the State of Georgia law as may be necessary for this process.
3. **Establishment of Rollback Rate.** The Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute the Millage Rate Rollback Calculation Worksheet based upon the millage rate hereby adopted by the Mayor and City Council and submit same to the Tax Commissioner of Fulton County.
4. **Full Force and Effect.** That this Resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.
5. **Approval of Execution.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document that may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.
6. **Severability.** To the extent, any portion of this Resolution is declared invalid, unenforceable or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.
7. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All City Resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this resolution.
8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this _____ day of _____ 2019.

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

S. DIANE WHITE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

EMILIA WALKER CITY ATTORNEY

The foregoing Ordinance No. **2019-__** adopted on _____ was offered by Councilmember _____, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor	_____	_____
Catherine Foster Rowell, Mayor Pro Tem	_____	_____
Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs	_____	_____
Helen Zenobia Willis	_____	_____
Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	_____	_____
Rosie Jackson	_____	_____
khalid kamau	_____	_____
Mark Baker	_____	_____

