

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Elbert County Board of Commissioners today announces its intentions to increase the 2025 property taxes it will levy this year by 5.02 percent for the unincorporated district and 6.47 percent for the incorporated district 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 adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires a rollback millage rate 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 reassessment occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Elbert County Board of Commissioners may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Elbert County Government Complex Meeting Room, 45 Forest Avenue, Elberton, GA 30635, on November 13, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., and November 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.