

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Tallulah Falls has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 2.48 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at City Hall, 255 Main Street, Tallulah Falls, Georgia on September 25, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at City Hall, 255 Main Street, Tallulah Falls, Georgia on October 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM and October 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 6.000 mills, an increase of 0 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.855 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$17.40 and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$8.70.

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Tallulah Falls Council today announces its intention to increase the 2025 property taxes it will levy this year by 2.48 percent over the rollback millage rate for Rabun County and 0.70 percent over the rollback millage rate for Habersham County. The tentative increase will result in an unchanged millage rate of 6.000 mills.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the city. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the city 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 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 2025 budget adopted by the Town of Tallulah Falls anticipates the need of a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Town of Tallulah Falls may 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 Tallulah Falls City Hall, 255 Main Street, Tallulah Falls, Georgia on September 25, 2025, at 9:00 AM, October 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM and on October 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The millage rate will be set at the October 9, 2025, regular monthly council meeting following the conclusion of the third public hearing.

Any change in an individual tax bill will depend on the change in assessed valuation for that property.