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**City Council
Special Call Meeting Agenda
August 12, 2019 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

- I. INVOCATION**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. CALL TO ORDER**
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- V. PRESENTATIONS**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
- IX. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**
- X. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Swearing-in of any witnesses or individuals offering comments on any of the following items.

- A. First Public Hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate and the Bond Millage Rate.

The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 for the Bond which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2019 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 5, 2019 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The second display will be published in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 12, 2019. The second and third public hearings will take place on August 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

- XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

XII. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

GINA AULD, Finance Director

XIII. PUBLIC SAFETY

BILL WESTENBERGER, Police Chief

LINDA DAVIS, 911 Communications Director

XIV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RICK ARNOLD, CO-IT Director

JOSHUA GUERRERO, CO-IT Director

XV. PUBLIC WORKS

Director

XVI. RECREATION AND CULTURE

RICHARD BANZ, Museum Director

STEVE ROBERTS, Parks and Recreation Director

ANN PARSONS, Smith-Gilbert Gardens Director

XVII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ROBERT FOX, Economic Development Director

DARRYL SIMMONS, Zoning Administrator

SCOTT BANKS, Building Official

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

XIX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (Jeff Drobney)

XX. MAYOR'S REPORT

XXI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XXII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land, Legal, Personnel

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters

XXIII. ADJOURN



**Regular Meeting Agenda
8/12/2019 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Title of Item:	First Public Hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION to adopt the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Millage Rate and the Bond Millage Rate.
Agenda Comments:	The City of Kennesaw is proposing a millage rate of 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 for the Bond which is the same as last year. The Bond millage rate is levied to fund the debt service on the \$15 million Recreation and Traffic Safety Bonds that were approved by the voters September 21, 2004. The dates of the public hearings and the Current 2019 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy were properly advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 5, 2019 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. The second display will be published in the Marietta Daily Journal on August 12, 2019. The second and third public hearings will take place on August 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.
Funding Line(s)	

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
RESOLUTION	8/9/2019	Resolution
Current and five year history	8/9/2019	Backup Material
Notice of property tax increase	8/9/2019	Backup Material
Additional Ad	8/9/2019	Backup Material

**CITY OF KENNESAW
GEORGIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- ___, 2019

**RESOLUTION OF THE KENNESAW CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A
MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW FOR FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNESAW,
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Kennesaw, Georgia desires to establish its ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority has advertised its intent to establish said millage rate by placing an advertisement conforming to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32(c) in a newspaper of general circulation of Cobb County serving the residents of the City of Kennesaw, said advertisement appearing two (2) weeks prior to the hearing at which said millage rate is to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings required by O.C.G.A. §48-5-32(c) were duly held on August 12, 2019 and August 19, 2019 prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the final millage rate has been calculated by the governing authority to be 8.0 mills for Maintenance & Operation (M&O) and 1.5 mills for Bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing authority of the City of Kennesaw does hereby establish the millage rate for the City of Kennesaw, Georgia, ad valorem property tax, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as 8.0 mills for M&O and 1.5 mills for Bond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kennesaw City Council on this 19th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF KENNESAW

Debra Taylor, City Clerk

Derek Easterling, Mayor

NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Kennesaw does hereby announce that the tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020 will be set at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA on August 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32, the City of Kennesaw 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 2019 TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	1,023,474,920	1,091,832,080	1,186,442,490	1,299,736,486	1,438,655,388	1,518,982,186
Motor Vehicle	64,038,620	43,848,760	32,193,160	21,816,990	15,913,870	12,503,840
Mobile Homes	1,645,374	1,649,463	1,632,942	1,594,614	1,569,458	1,640,186
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	2,844	25,309	9,894	0	2,614	8,526
Gross Tax Digest	1,089,161,758	1,137,355,612	1,220,278,486	1,323,148,090	1,456,141,330	1,533,134,738
Less M&O Exemptions	144,122,687	163,009,693	175,434,964	180,364,288	276,955,288	305,346,338
Net M&O Digest	945,039,071	974,345,919	1,044,843,522	1,142,783,802	1,179,186,042	1,227,788,400
Gross M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net M&O Millage Rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Net M&O Taxes Levied	7,560,313	7,794,767	8,358,748	9,142,270	9,433,488	9,822,307
Gross Tax Digest	1,089,161,758	1,137,355,612	1,220,278,486	1,323,148,090	1,456,141,330	1,533,134,738
Less Bond Exemptions	128,866,200	140,664,637	152,753,301	148,911,795	200,002,666	215,923,976
Net Bond Digest	960,295,558	996,690,975	1,067,525,185	1,174,236,295	1,256,138,664	1,317,210,762
Gross Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Bond Millage Rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Net Bond Taxes Levied	1,440,443	1,495,036	1,601,288	1,761,354	1,884,208	1,975,816
Net M&O Taxes \$ Increase	352,546	234,454	563,981	783,522	291,218	388,819
Net M&O Taxes % Increase	4.9%	3.1%	7.2%	9.4%	3.2%	4.1%
Net Bond Taxes \$ Increase	77,149	54,593	106,252	160,066	122,854	91,608
Net Bond Taxes % Increase	5.7%	3.8%	7.1%	10.0%	7.0%	4.9%

All concerned citizens are invited to public hearings held at the Kennesaw City Hall Chambers located
at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw GA on the dates and times below:
Monday, August 12th 6:00 PM (Special Called Meeting)
Monday, August 19th 10:30 am (Special Called Meeting) and 6:30 PM (Final Adoption)

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 3.96 percent for M&O and 3.66 percent for Bond.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on Monday, August 12th at 6:00 PM.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this increase are at Kennesaw City Hall Council Chambers located at 2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, Georgia on Monday, August 19th at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8.00 mills for M&O and 1.50 mills for Bond, an increase of .305 mills for M&O and .053 mills for Bond. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.695 mills for M&O and 1.447 mills for Bond. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$24 increase for M&O and \$4 increase for Bond and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$400,000 is approximately \$49 increase for M&O and \$8 increase for Bond.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**NOTICE TO KENNESAW TAXPAYERS
CITY NOT INCREASING TAX RATES**

According to Georgia law, all taxing agencies must advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings to claim taxes on reassessed properties even if the millage rate remains unchanged as is the case in Kennesaw. The City of Kennesaw has tentatively adopted a millage rate equal to last year's millage of 9.50 mills.