

Agenda
Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
August 20, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.

Note: Meeting is being held as a virtual meeting only. Please visit www.chatthillsga.us for information on accessing the meeting via teleconference or videoconference.

Call to Order

Review and Approval of Agenda

Public Hearing

1. **Item 20-022:** Public Hearing and Action on an Ordinance to fix the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021.

New Business

1. **Item 20-026:** Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills Requesting the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Extend the Public Comment Period by Thirty Days Concerning the Location of a Possible Quarry and for Other Related Purposes.

Adjourn Meeting



6505 Rico Road Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia 30268

TO: Mayor and Council
 CC: Dana Wicher
 DATE: July 27th, 2020 for August 27th, 2020 Special Called Meeting
 RE: 2020 Millage Rate

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The City of Chattahoochee Hills Mayor & Council will be holding a public meeting in advance of setting its 2020 millage rate. The current millage rate which has not changed in the last three years is 10.00. According to the Fulton County Tax Commissioner's Office, the Net Digest increased 10 % from \$192,868,744 to \$211,748,965. This increase yielded a rollback calculation of .29 mills from 10.00 to 9.71 to remain "revenue neutral". However, the recommendation is to maintain the current millage rate. Even though that is the current rate, the increase in property values creates a 2.99% difference in millage rates between 10.00 and 9.71. This requires three Public Hearings.

All concerned citizens were invited to two public hearings on Thursday, August 20th at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. The third public hearing is being held at a regularly advertised City Council meeting at City Hall, 6505 Rico Road, Chattahoochee Hills, GA on August 27th, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The final adoption on this millage rate will be at after this third and final public hearing at City Hall, 6505 Rico Road, Chattahoochee Hills, GA.

This tentative recommendation will result in a millage rate of **10.00 mills**. Property taxes are based on 40% of the assessed value less any exemptions and then multiplied by the set millage rate.

The City offers a homestead exemption of \$15,000 which must be filed prior to April 1st of the respective tax year. There are additional exemptions for seniors age 65 and older and age 70 and older. Seniors in those age brackets may also qualify for additional exemptions up to including a full exemption after age 70 under certain income restrictions.

	2008	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Real & Personal	\$ 191,994,110	\$ 175,240,319	\$ 187,648,751	\$ 237,715,608.00	\$ 258,479,039.00	\$ 277,435,880.00
Motor Vehicle	7,005,576	\$ 3,024,070	\$ 2,179,440	\$ 1,676,130	\$ 1,360,490	\$ 1,235,520
Mobile Homes	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Timber - 100%	0	\$ -	\$ 68,310	\$ 17,255	\$ 9,600	\$ 84,743
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,700	\$ -	\$ -
Gross Digest	198,999,686	\$ 178,264,389	\$ 189,896,501	\$ 239,430,693.00	\$ 259,849,129.00	\$ 278,756,143.00
Less M & O Exemptions	49,058,130	\$ 55,019,210	\$ 54,164,300	\$ 65,419,380	\$ 66,980,385	\$ 67,007,178
Net M & O Digest	149,941,556	\$ 123,245,179	\$ 135,732,201	\$ 174,011,313.00	\$ 192,868,744.00	\$ 211,748,965.00
State of GA Forest Land Assistance Grant Value	0	\$ 16,243,527	\$ 16,193,501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Net M & O Digest		\$ 139,488,706	\$ 151,925,702	\$ 174,011,313.00	\$ 192,868,744.00	\$ 211,748,965.00
Gross M & O Millage Rate	5.659	10.958	10.958	10	10	10
Less Millage Rate Rollbacks	0.000	0.000	-0.958	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net M & O Millage Rate	5.659	10.958	10.000	10	10	10
Net Taxes Levied	848,519	1,528,517	1,519,257	1,740,113	1,928,687	2,117,490
Net Tax \$ Increase	-	53,690	(9,260)	220,856	188,574	188,802
Net Tax % Increase	0%	3.6%	-0.6%	14.5%	11%	10%



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS, GEORGIA, TO FIX THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF
THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia as follows:

SECTION 1. The ad valorem tax rate for the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia for the 2020 calendar year, on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City is hereby fixed at \$10.00 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000.00 of property subject to ad valorem tax by the City.

SECTION 2. Said rate of \$10.00 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000.00 of taxable property is hereby levied for General Government purposes.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and

Date approved: August 20, 2020.

Tom Reed, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dana Wicher, City Clerk

(Seal)

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS REQUESTING THE CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BY THIRTY DAYS CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF A POSSIBLE QUARRY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia have determined that it is in furtherance of public good that the City should request the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board") to extend the current public comment period regarding the possible allowance of a quarry across the Chattahoochee River from the City close to the new City park; and

WHEREAS, the City spent considerable effort and time to complete a transfer of property to relocate a park to a beautiful area along the Chattahoochee River that will be easily accessible to the public, which happens to be in close proximity to a proposed quarry in Carroll County located across the river; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked in conjunction with other government entities and agencies toward attractive uses of the Chattahoochee River and has worked tirelessly for appropriate development along the river to promote the public use of the same; and

WHEREAS, the City would like for the Board to extend the time in which the Board may receive public comment so that members of the public will have greater opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns about the possible quarry being permitted in an area close in proximity to the river and to the new Chattahoochee Hills park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Mayor and Council believe it is not in the interest of the public to allow a rock quarry to be located close to the Chattahoochee River especially in such close proximity to the new park for which the City has worked so diligently to bring to fruition. The Mayor and Council believe that there are other uses of property in close proximity to the Chattahoochee River that are far superior to that of a rock quarry with the accompanying noise, dust, and other pollution.

Section 2. Request to Extend Time for Public Comment. The Mayor and Council appreciate that the Board is autonomous and is the proper government entity to make the decision regarding the possible location of the quarry but request that the Board extend the time in which the public is permitted to provide input and comment to the Board on such an important topic. Currently, the time for such public input is slated to expire on August 27, 2020. The Mayor and Council respectfully request that the period of time to accept public input be extended by thirty (30) days so that the period would expire on September 26, 2020.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of August, 2020.

**CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS,
GEORGIA**

Mayor: _____
Tom Reed

Attest: _____
Dana Wicher, City Clerk

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