

Public hearings to be held on millage rate; council vote will be July 7

Brookhaven residents will have three chances to voice their opinions on the city's millage rate for 2015. Following three public hearings, the City of Brookhaven will adopt the rate on July 7, 2015.

By state law, the city has tentatively advertised a millage rate for 2015. The advertised rate is 2.795 mills, the same as last year's rate, but the final number will be adopted after the third public hearing July 7, 2015.

A tentative tax increase is a result of a notice from DeKalb County of an increase in the valuation of real property tax assessments, not the millage rate. Brookhaven property owners may see an increase or a decrease in their residential property taxes, depending on whether individual property was assessed higher or lower by the county.

All citizens are invited to the public hearings, which will be held at Brookhaven City Hall, 4362 Peachtree Road, Brookhaven GA 30319.

The first public hearing will be at 7 p.m. on June 9, 2015. The second public hearing will be June 16, 2015, at 6 p.m. A final public hearing will be held July 7, 2015, at 7 p.m. After the final hearing, the millage rate will be formally adopted.