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## **Brookhaven city council lowers millage rate**

**Brookhaven, GA, July 7, 2015** – Following three public hearings, the Brookhaven city council on July 7 set a millage rate of 2.740, lower than the current rate of 2.795.

That rate means Brookhaven is tied with Dunwoody as having the lowest incorporated millage rate in DeKalb County.

“It’s a prudent move to give money back to the taxpayers,” Mayor Rebecca Chase Williams said.

“The city of Brookhaven has the lowest incorporated millage rate in DeKalb County,” said District 3 Councilmember Bates Mattison, adding that the new rate continues to be sensitive to the fact that the city is still in startup mode and needs to grow its reserves.

District 2 Councilmember John Park said that while he believes in tax stability and would have preferred it stay the same, he was okay with the number as it still allows a half million dollars to be contributed to city reserves.

“There’s so much that has to be done,” said District 4 Councilmember Joe Gebbia, who introduced the motion to adopt the new tax rate. But, he said, the economy is coming back strong and the city will have a higher tax revenue base than expected.

“I’m very pleased with the number,” said District 1 Councilmember Linley Jones. “[The] history is that we have each and every year reduced the millage rate” and the city can continue to provide services at its current level or above.

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