

## PRESS RELEASE – PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Metter today announces its intention to increase the 2018 property taxes it will levy this year by 22.2 percent over the rollback millage rate.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that 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 assessment occurred.

The budget adopted by the City of Metter requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the City of Metter Council may finalize 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 City Hall, 49 South Rountree Street, Metter, Georgia on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm and on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 11:00 am and at 6:00 pm. Immediately following the public hearing on September 19, 2018, a called meeting will be held to adopt the final millage rate.