

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX  
IMPLEMENTATION IN WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA  
PER GEORGIA CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE IX, SECTION IV, PARAGRAPH I.**

The Walnut Grove Mayor and Council has tentatively proposed a tax millage rate, which will require ad valorem property taxes by ordinance, as expressly authorized by Walnut Grove Charter Sections 1.12, 6.10, and 6.11. Taxes are for the purpose of raising revenue to defray the costs of operating the city government, providing governmental services, and for other public purposes.

The specific budgetary purpose of the proposed property tax is to meet the following needs, among others: Extensive street work, sewer plant costs, building maintenance, equipment, park, budget deficit, enhanced police presence (via contract with Sheriff), code enforcement, library, sidewalks, and zoning. Per OCGA 36-81-3, the City must adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget. Accomplishing this will result in a millage rate of six (6) mills.

The assessed taxable value of all property, by class and in total, which is within the City's taxing jurisdiction, is \$26,685,126. The proposed total dollar amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied for the City's purposes for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$160,111. The proposed tax for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately 240 dollars and the proposed tax for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately 720 dollars.

The tax levy is to be established by the City for purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the City's expenses for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Copies of the 2017-2018 Walnut Grove budget are available at City Hall for citizens' review.

All concerned citizens are invited to the three public hearings on this proposed tax implementation, to be held at Walnut Grove Municipal Building at 1021 Park Street in Walnut Grove on August 10, 2017 at 7 p.m., and on August 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. and on September 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

A qualified interpreter for the hearing impaired will be available upon request made at least 10 days in advance of each hearing. Please call 770-787-0046 to request an interpreter or for more information. At the conclusion of the final Public Hearing, the Mayor and Council may vote on the proposed implementation of a property tax.

All persons having an interest should be at the public hearings. Call 770-787-0046 or email [mayorwalnutgr@bellsouth.net](mailto:mayorwalnutgr@bellsouth.net) and/or [kglass@walnutgrovegeorgia.com](mailto:kglass@walnutgrovegeorgia.com) for more details.

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City Clerk"