



Cleveland City Council Called Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Oak Springs Community Center – 342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

1. First Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Millage Rate and Digest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.** The Second Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Millage Rate and Digest will be held at a Called Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center, located at 342 Campbell Street

ADJOURN

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of Cleveland announces the intent to increase the 2026 property taxes by 0.02% (percent) over the rollback millage rate. The rate increase is to support the growing expenses for public safety, public works, and administration.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Oak Springs Community Center, 342 Campbell Street Cleveland GA on **August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** and on **August 20, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

The 2026 millage rate will be voted on immediately following the third hearing on **August 20, 2026 at 6:15p.m.**

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **1.938mills**, an increase of **.012 mills** over the rollback rate. Without this proposed tax increase, the millage rate would be no more than **1.926 mills**. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$300,000** is approximately **\$1.44**.

To run as a paid ad in the White County News

Dates: 08/6/2026 & 08/13/2026

NOT IN THE LEGAL SECTION

Must be at least 30 square inches in size

TENTATIVE DISTRIBUTION:

Posted – City Hall – August 3, 2026

Submitted – WRWH 1350 – August 3, 2026

Submitted – White County News – August 3, 2026

The City of Cleveland does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Oak Springs Community Center on August 20, 2026 at 6:15 p.m pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2026 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Real & Personal	\$99,155,896	\$116,809,678	\$132,089,400	\$145,337,208	\$152,292,853	\$157,937,283
Motor Vehicles	\$900,660	\$821,760	\$793,870	\$791,220	\$695,790	\$686,780
Mobile Homes	\$157,988	\$162,148	\$185,812	\$272,092	\$291,892	\$258,112
Timber - 100%	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx
Heavy Duty Equipment	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx
Gross Digest	\$100,214,544	\$117,793,586	\$133,069,082	\$146,400,520	\$153,280,535	\$158,882,175
Less M & O Exemptions	\$2,573,165	\$2,703,659	\$3,748,459	\$3,616,304	\$4,483,102	\$4,981,228
Net M & O Digest	\$97,641,379	\$115,089,927	\$129,320,623	\$142,784,216	\$148,797,433	\$153,900,947
Gross M&O Millage	0.018000	0.018000	0.018000	0.018000	0.018000	0.018000
Less Rollbacks	0.012082	0.012944	0.012944	0.012944	0.012944	0.016062
Net M&O Millage	0.005918	0.005056	0.005056	0.005056	0.005056	0.001938
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
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Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$14,882	\$4,053	\$71,950	\$68,072	\$30,403	-\$454,060
Net Taxes % Increase	2.64%	0.70%	12.36%	10.41%	4.21%	-60.35%
Net Taxes \$ Decrease						
Net Taxes % Decrease	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

The current year's levy reflects reductions resulting from local sales tax proceeds applied to offset property taxes. As a result, the taxes levied are lower than they otherwise would have been absent these proceeds.

Mayor
Josh Turner

Council Members
Nan Bowen
Annie Sutton
Jeremy McClure
CJ McDonald



City Manager
Kevin Harris

Deputy City Manager
John Solmon

City Clerk
Lisa A Ritchie

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cleveland City Council Called Meetings

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The purpose of these meetings is to conduct the First, Second, and Third Public Hearings regarding the proposed FY 2026/2027 millage rate and to consider adoption of the millage rate.

These meetings will be held at:

Oak Springs Community Center
342 Campbell Street
Cleveland, GA

Posted: August 11, 2026

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Millage Overview



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City of Cleveland Rollback

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Millage Overview



Millage Synopsis

2026 Net Digest: **\$153,900,947** + \$5,103,514 from 2025

\$375,829 from Reassessment

\$4,727,685 Growth

1.938 rate = \$298,260

1.926 rate = \$296,413

\$1,847 Increase

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Millage Overview



What this means to the taxpayer

Retaining millage rate

.62% increase

1.938 mills

- Current rate is .012 mills over the full rollback rate.
- \$300,000 is approximately \$1.44.

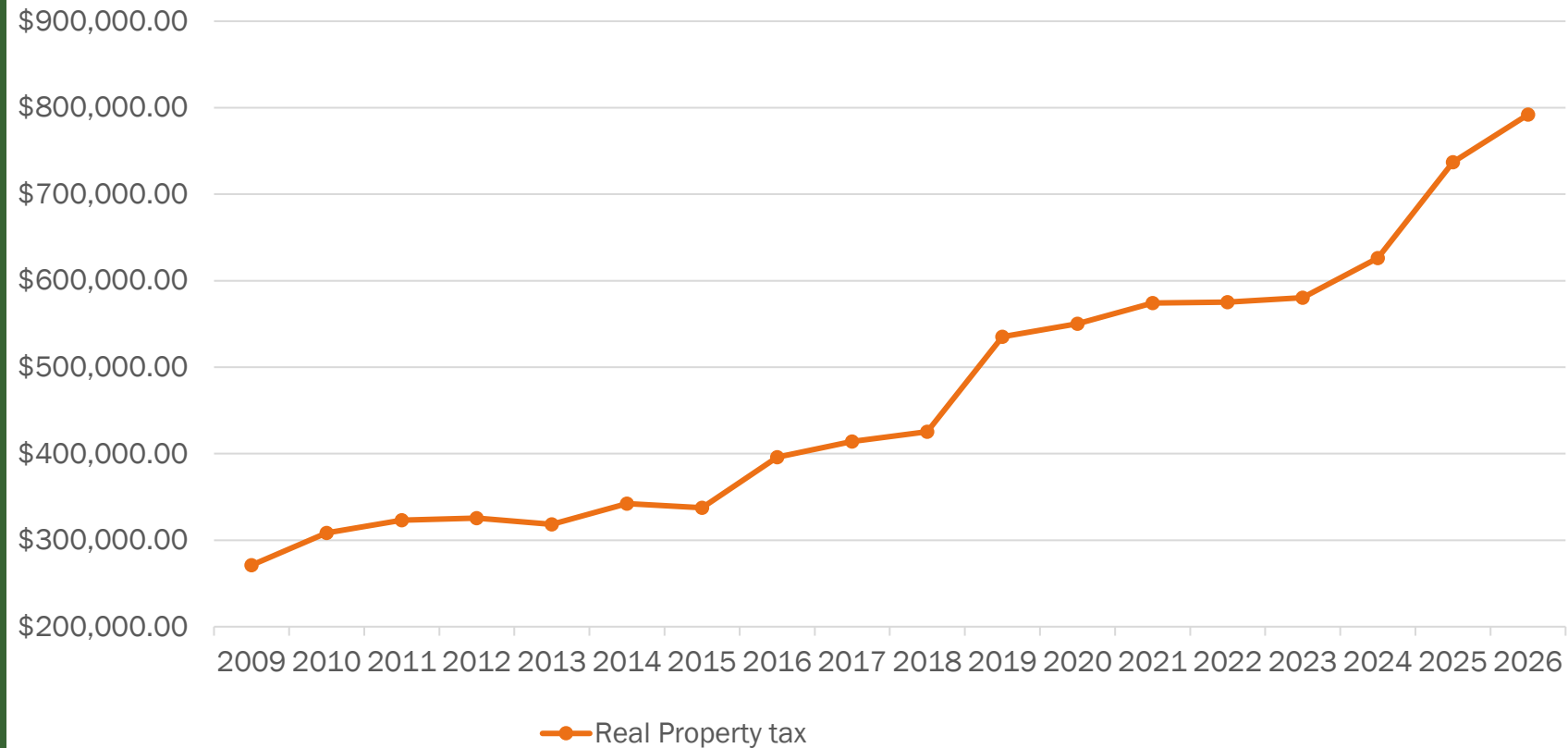
1.926 mills

- Full rollback
- “Average” home sees no property tax increase

*Average

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LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX COLLECTIONS FISCAL/BUDGET YEAR (JULY 1-JUNE 30)

YEAR	AMOUNT BUDGETED	ACTUAL COLLECTIONS	DIFFERENCE
FY2008	\$680,000.00	\$599,566.00	-\$80,434.00
FY2009	\$705,000.00	\$621,738.00	-\$83,262.00
FY2010	\$700,000.00	\$647,543.00	-\$52,457.00
FY2011	\$620,000.00	\$672,359.00	\$52,359.00
FY2012	\$670,000.00	\$692,427.00	\$22,427.00
FY2013	\$650,000.00	\$676,768.00	\$26,768.00
FY2014	\$630,000.00	\$670,289.00	\$40,289.00
FY2015	\$670,000.00	\$719,378.00	\$49,378.00
FY2016	\$715,000.00	\$752,596.00	\$37,596.00
FY2017	\$755,000.00	\$806,132.00	\$51,132.00
FY2018	\$850,000.00	\$865,343.00	\$15,343.00
FY2019	\$905,000.00	\$931,800.00	\$26,800.00
FY2020	\$930,700.00	\$1,012,179.00	\$81,479.00
FY2021	\$950,000.00	\$1,333,924.00	\$383,924.00
FY2022	\$1,122,000.00	\$1,427,226.00	\$305,226.00
FY2023	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,532,656.00	\$332,656.00
FY2024	\$1,313,000.00	\$1,601,395.00	\$288,395.00
FY2025	\$1,574,277.00	\$1,662,954.00	\$88,677.00
FY2026	\$1,650,817.00	\$1,711,205.00	\$60,388.00

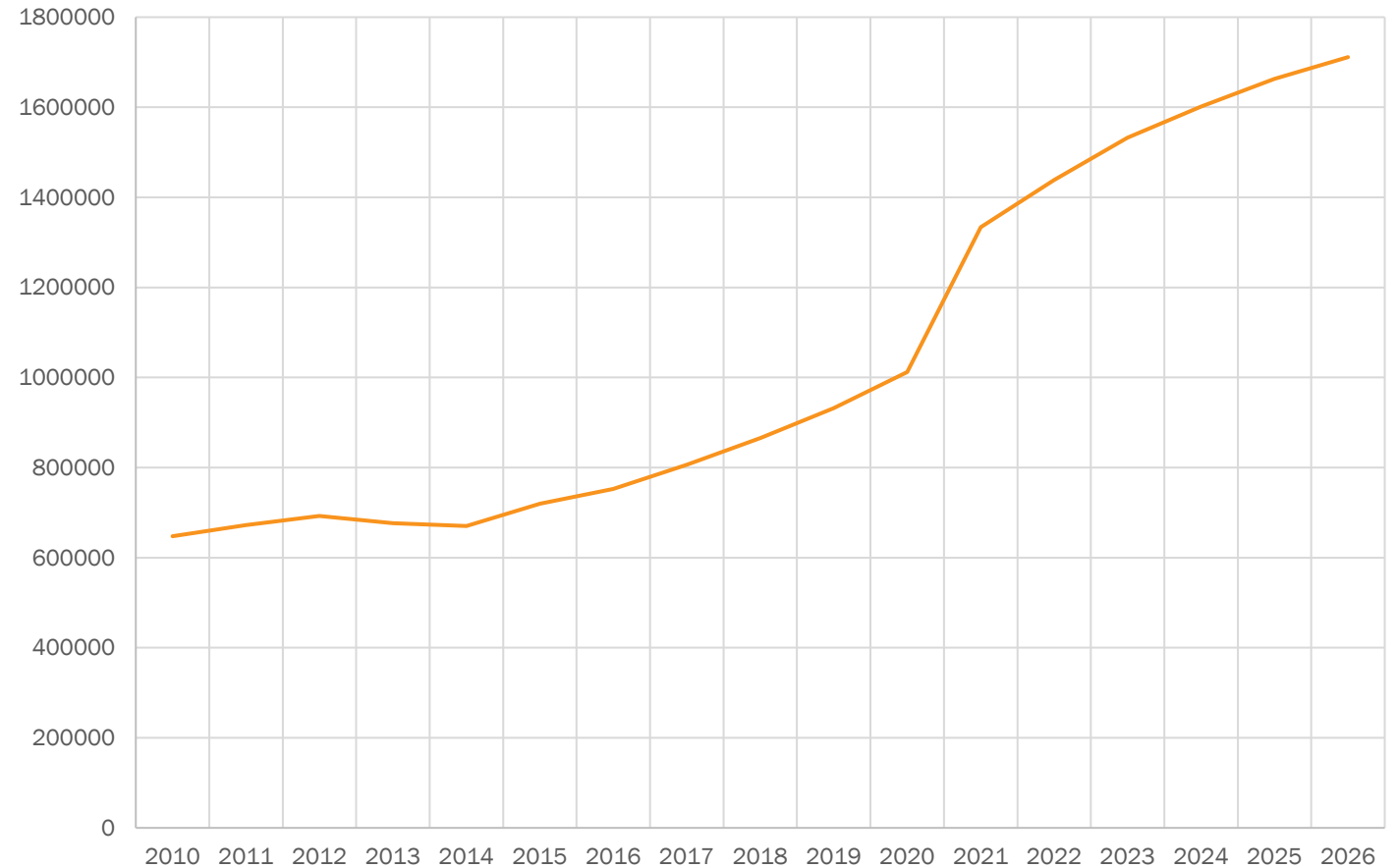
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Local Option Sales Tax



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Local Option Sales Tax



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General Fund



Expenditures By Department June 2026

