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**FORSYTH COUNTY ANNOUNCES PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

Three public hearings to allow for public input

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate that will require an increase in the Maintenance and Operation property taxes and Fire property taxes.

The proposed county Maintenance and Operation rate is 4.502 mills, up from 3.834 mills in 2008. The proposed Fire rate is 1.841 mills, up from 1.765 mills in 2008. The proposed Bond rate remains at 1.196 mills. This represents a total millage increase of 0.744 mills.

The proposed Maintenance and Operations property tax increase would increase taxes on a home valued at \$200,000 by approximately \$48.09. The proposed Fire property tax increase would increase taxes on a home valued at \$200,000 by approximately \$5.47.

The proposed Maintenance and Operations property tax increase will help offset a projected deficit in the county's 2010 preliminary budget. The proposed Fire property tax increase will help fund the replacement of fire apparatus.

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners will hold three (3) public hearings to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend the public hearings regarding this tax increase. The hearings will be held at the Forsyth County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street, Suite 220, in Cumming on Tuesday, July 14 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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