

City of Jasper Property Tax - Millage Rate



Property Tax

- A fee charged each year by local governments on real & personal property based on the financial value.



What are some things property taxes support?

- Public Safety (Police and Fire)
- Public Works (Parks, Streets, and Stormwater)
- Planning & Zoning, Code Compliance, Inspections
- Administrative Services (Human Resources, Finance, City Management)
- Municipal Court
- Elections



Facts about the City of Jasper

- The City of Jasper employees 65 employees not including water department employees or any open positions.
- Public works maintains 55 miles of roadways.
- Public works maintains 4 parks, 5 city facilities, and the city's equipment/vehicle fleet.
- Approximately \$200,000 a year is spent for streetlights.
- City employees help various organizations (including DDA, Chamber) with parades, festivals, or special events. In 2026...5 parades and over 25 events.

These are only a few things the City of Jasper is involved with that does not include day to day operations.

What is a Millage Rate?

- Calculates the amount of property tax to be paid when multiplied against the net assessed value of taxable property.
- What is net assessed value? 40% of the property's market value (Fair market value)
- Fair market value = estimated amount property can be bought or sold
- City Council sets millage rate for City taxes – this applies **ONLY** to City properties
- Who provides the assessed value of property for the city? Pickens County Tax Assessors office handles all tax assessments

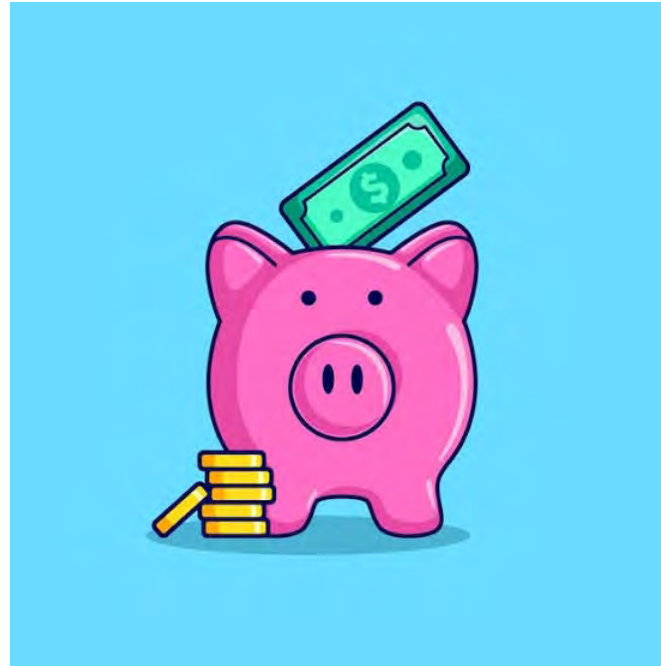


How is your property tax calculated?

- What is the Fair Market Value? $\text{FMV} = \$200,000$
- Calculate Assessed Value (40% of FMV) $\text{Assessed Value} = \$200,000 \times 40\% = \$80,000$
- Divide Assessed Value by \$1,000 80
- Multiply by the Millage Rate $80 \times 7.636 \text{ (proposed)}$
- Property tax amount \$610.88

2026 Homeowner's Tax Relief Grant

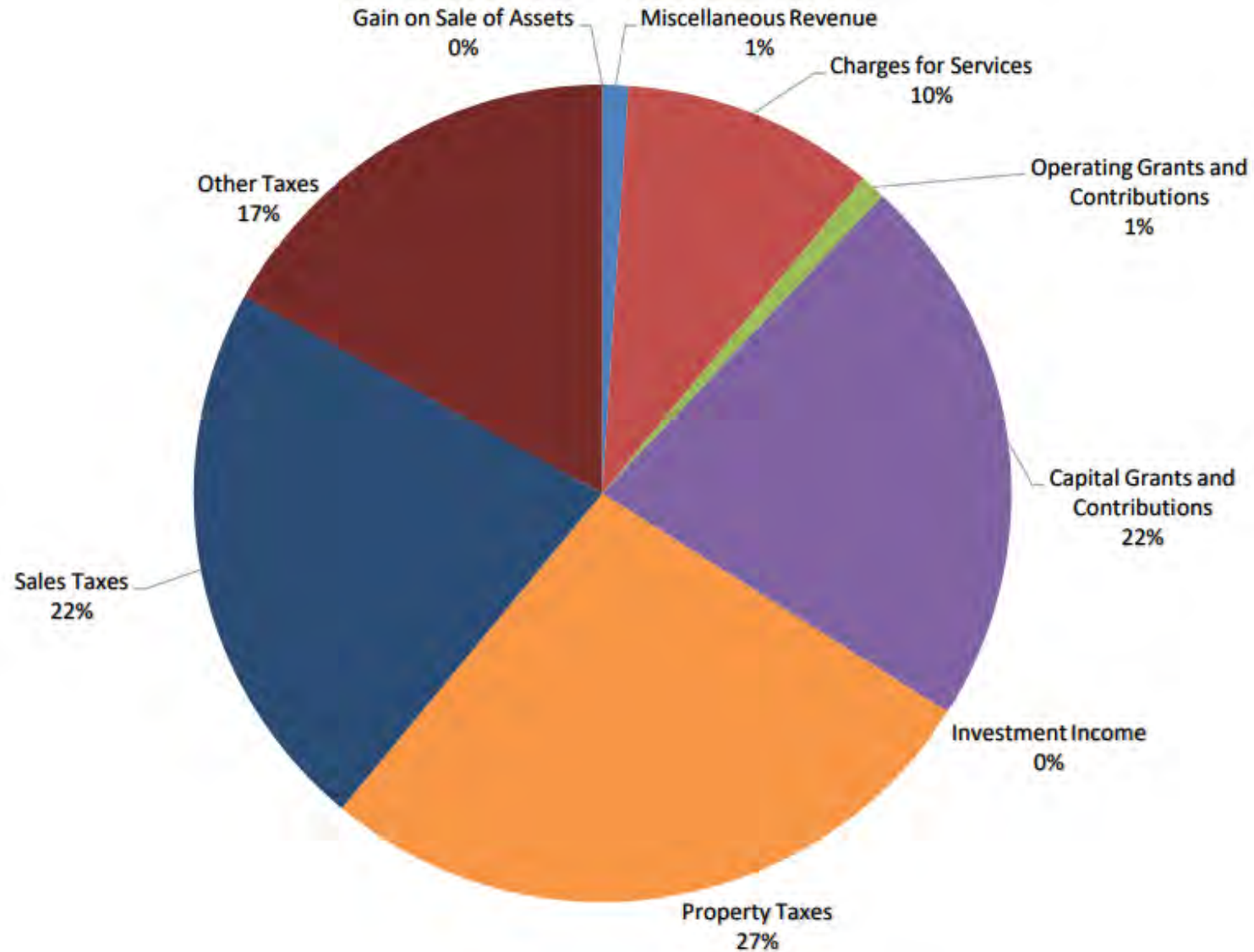
- Eligible homeowners are offered a one-time reduction in property taxes through a Georgia state-funded program.
- How does it work? The property owners assessed value is reduced by up to \$18,000, which reduces the final tax owed.
- Who qualifies? The property must be your main home you own and live in with an active, approved homestead exemption.



What we know for 2027...

- Insurance/Benefits (health, liability, etc.) = Increase \$130,000
- Market increases in salaries (predominately public safety)
- Zero capital purchases
- General Fund = 80% personnel and 20% operating

Revenue for General Fund



...accordingly...advertised the following:

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE CITY OF JASPER

The Council Members of the City of Jasper have tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 25.34 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to Public Hearings on this tax increase to be held at Jasper City Hall, 200 Burnt Mountain Road, Jasper, GA 30143 on October 5, 2026, at an administrative hearing at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM before the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting before the Mayor and Council in the Council Chambers.

An additional Public Hearing on this tax increase will be heard in the Council Chambers at Jasper City Hall, 200 Burnt Mountain Road, Jasper, GA 30143 on October 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Consideration and adoption of the millage rate will be heard subsequently at the Special Called Council Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 15, 2026.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.636 mills, an increase of 1.544 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 6.092 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$175,000 is approximately \$100.80 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$350,000 is approximately \$210.00

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
CITY INCREASING MILLAGE RATE

According to Georgia law, all taxing agencies must advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings to claim taxes on reassessed properties even if the millage rate remains unchanged. The City of Jasper has tentatively adopted a millage rate of 7.636 mills for 2026. This millage rate is 25.34% higher than the rollback millage rate of 6.092.

Millage Rate – Public Hearings

- Current millage rate = 6.136 mills
- Roll back rate = 6.092 mills
- Direction received to advertise up to a 1.5 mil increase
- Millage rate of 7.636 advertised for 3 public hearings
 - Administrative Hearing on Monday, Oct. 5th at 9 am
 - Public Hearing on Monday, Oct. 5th at 6 pm – Mayor & Council
 - Public Hearing on Thurs., Oct. 15th at 5:30 pm – Mayor & Council
 - Consideration on Thurs., Oct. 15th at 6 pm (or after public hearing)