



## Strategic Plan to Transition Millage Rate to the City of Stonecrest for Public Works

# Why a Millage Rate for Stonecrest?

- Local control of service delivery and quality of Public Works services
- City of Stonecrest sets priorities for level of service and spending
- Resources (people, equipment and materials) to deliver the service are purchased by the tax dollars collected by City of Stonecrest
  - **People** – value-add resources mainly work within Stonecrest (added to current City Hall Staff)
  - **Vehicles & Equipment** – leased vehicles and equipment using purchasing power of Jacobs contract
  - **Materials**- all purchased by Stonecrest for city maintenance and improvement



# What is Millage Rate for Stonecrest?

- Tax Digest for City of Stonecrest: **\$1,680,865,744**
- One Mill for City of Stonecrest: **\$1,680,866**
- Millage Rate Transferred from DeKalb County: **2.421**
- Property Tax Collected (estimate): **\$4,069,376**
- The services that are being funded with the millage rate:
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Public Works



# Stonecrest Tax Digest Information

## NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Stonecrest does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a special called meeting to be held virtually and broadcasted live on the City's YouTube Channel immediately following the final public hearing on June 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and 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 2020 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

City of Stonecrest	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Real & Personal			1,438,342,322	1,622,214,982	1,788,582,332	1,957,790,423
Motor Vehicles					7,956,030	8,637,740
Mobile Homes						
Timber - 100%						
Heavy Duty Equipment						41,730
Gross Digest			1,438,342,322	1,622,214,982	1,796,538,362	1,966,469,893
Less M & O Exemptions			150,243,284	266,671,701	258,537,851	285,604,149
Net M & O Digest			1,288,099,038	1,355,543,281	1,538,000,511	1,680,865,744
State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value					0	
Adjusted Net M&O Digest			1,288,099,038	1,355,543,281	1,538,000,511	1,680,865,744
Gross M&O Millage			0.000	0.000	0.000	2.421
Less Rollback (LOST)			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net M&O Millage						2.421
Total County Taxes Levied						\$4,069,376
Net Taxes \$ Increase						\$4,069,376
Net Taxes % Increase						100.00%

Note that this is the first year the City of Stonecrest has imposed a City millage rate. The Net Taxes % Increase reflects an increase of 100% because this is the first year of adoption. However, this City millage rate is exactly equal to the rate levied by DeKalb County in 2019 for Special Services provided (except Police) that will be eliminated by DeKalb County for the City of Stonecrest effective with tax year 2020. The Net Taxes % Increase therefore is actually zero (\$0).



# When does the City need to transition public works?



- Submit **Millage Rate Certification** to DeKalb County Tax Commissioner by **July 1, 2020**
- Develop an IGA with DeKalb County...
  - ...to begin **public works services** on **January 1, 2021**
  - ...to begin **stormwater maintenance** on **January 1, 2022**

# Timeline to Ensure Success (1/2)

Date	Item
June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notify City Council to Set Millage Rate &amp; Dates for Public Hearings</li></ul>
June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advertise Notice of Property Tax Increase (Transfer)</li><li>• Advertise Public Hearings #1 and #2</li><li>• Advertise 5-Year History Report</li><li>• Issue Press Release about Stonecrest Millage Rate</li><li>• Publish information to City's Website</li></ul>
June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publish Agenda for June 16<sup>th</sup> Public Hearings about Millage Rate</li></ul>
June 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing at 11:00am</li><li>• Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing at 6:00pm</li></ul>
June 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advertise Notice of Property Tax Increase (Transfer)</li><li>• Advertise Public Hearing #3</li></ul>

## Timeline to Ensure Success (2/2)

Date	Item
June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="370 292 1798 341">• Publish Agenda for June 24<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing about Millage Rate</li></ul>
June 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="370 374 1238 423">• Conduct Public Hearing #3 at 6:00pm</li><li data-bbox="370 429 1812 532">• Adopt Resolution for Millage Rate during Special Called Meeting at 7:00pm</li></ul>
June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="370 565 1823 669">• Send Stonecrest Millage Rate Certification to DeKalb County Tax Commissioner</li><li data-bbox="370 680 1823 784">• Notify DeKalb County Public Works about Transfer of Services to the City of Stonecrest</li></ul>
July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="370 820 1804 923">• Deadline for ALL Cities to Submit Millage Certification to DeKalb County Tax Commissioner</li></ul>

# Public Hearing Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic

- The Public Hearing will be conducted using **ZOOM** for the following:
  - **Mayor & City Council** (will attend via ZOOM session)
  - **City Hall Staff** (in Council Chambers during Public Hearing)
  - **City Attorney & Staff** (will attend via ZOOM session)
  - **Stonecrest Resident/Business** participants  
(can participate virtually (using email) or attend in person)
- The Public Hearing will be broadcast using **YouTube Live**



# Public Hearing Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic

- To make comments **virtually**:
  - Submit comments to City Clerk **via email** at least one hour prior to advertised Public Hearing time
  - The City Clerk will read the **first 3 minutes** of the public comments into the record during the Public Hearing

# Public Hearing Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic

- To make comments **in person**:
  - Come to City Hall (all speakers will be socially distanced in hallway outside of Council Chambers)
  - Each speaker will be given a temperature check with a digital thermometer (temperature must be **below 100.4 degrees** to access Council Chambers)
  - Each speaker will be granted access to **laptop in Council Chambers** running the ZOOM session for the **Stonecrest Millage Rate Public Hearing**
  - Each speaker will be given 3 minutes to make comments
  - Each speaker will be escorted away from City Hall in order to minimize contact with other speakers
  - The speaker area around ZOOM laptop will be disinfected between each speaker

