



# City of Saginaw

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**Meeting Date:** 9/11/2018

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**Agenda Item:** 2  
(CC-0918-11)

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**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing – Proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

This is the second of two required public hearings to be held for public input on the proposed 2018 tax rate. This item is for public input only. Other than holding the public hearing, no action will be taken.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This public hearing is necessary to adopt the proposed tax rate of 47.18 cents, which is a primary funding source of the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*After the public hearing is closed, the Mayor must announce that the adoption of the proposed tax rate increase will be considered at the City Council Meeting on September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Saginaw City Hall.*

**NOTE: THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND MUST BE MADE TO SATISFY THE TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW REQUIREMENTS.**

Attachments

Public Hearing Notice  
August 21, 2018 City Council Minutes  
September 4, 2018 City Council Minutes  
Memo from Kim Quin

# NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF SAGINAW

A tax rate of \$0.471800 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Saginaw. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Saginaw proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of funding increased public safety, market competitive employee benefits, and a comprehensive economic development program.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE         | \$0.471800 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$0.495000 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE        | \$0.454363 per \$100 |
| ROLLBACK TAX RATE         | \$0.471806 per \$100 |

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Saginaw from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Saginaw may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS  
FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 4, 2018 at 06:00 PM at Saginaw City Hall.

Second Hearing: September 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Saginaw City Hall.

(9) CC-0818-15

Presentation of Effective Tax Rate and Action to Place Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate on September 18, 2018 Agenda and Schedule Public Hearings on September 4, 2018 and September 11, 2018 for the Proposed Tax Rate

Finance Director Quin explained that the effective tax rate is .454363 and the roll back rate is .471800. The current tax rate is .495000. She stated that State Law requires certain Truth-in-Taxation procedures that must be followed if the Council increases the tax rate above the effective rate or rollback rate, whichever is lower. It also requires specific language to be used in the required newspaper notice. The proposed 2018 tax rate is .471800. Therefore the Council must take action to place the adoption of the tax rate on the September 18, 2018 agenda, and schedule two public hearings on the proposed tax rate (September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>).

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Flory with a second by Councilmember Tankersley to place the adoption of the proposed tax rate of .471800 which is an increase of 3.84% above the effective rate on the September 18<sup>th</sup> agenda and schedule two public hearings on September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> for the proposed tax rate increase. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Flory, Councilmembers Farr, Tankersley, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

(9) CC-0918-09

### **Public Hearing** – Proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing opened at 6:29 p.m. City Manager Reaume explained that this is the first of two public hearings required by law on the proposed 2018 tax rate. He stated that the proposed 2018 tax rate is 0.471800. The proposed tax rate is above the effective tax rate of 0.454363 which by State Law requires specific Truth-in-Taxation procedures that must be followed including tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Flippo announced that the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate increase will be held on September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Saginaw City Hall and that the adoption of the proposed tax rate increase will be considered at the City Council Meeting on September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Saginaw City Hall.

Mr. John Peet (644 Fox Run Trail) addressed the Council. He asked if the tax rate increasing instead of decreasing was a trend every year. Mayor Flippo explained that the tax rate is considered every year. Mr. Peet stated that the tax rate goes hand in hand with the debt policy and he wanted to call the Council's attention to it. City Manager Reaume explained that the proposed tax rate is 2.3 cents lower than the current tax rate. He stated that the assessed property values are up which results in more revenue. Councilmember Farr stated that the tax rate is built around the annual budget and this year the proposed rate is as much as can be done. Mayor Pro-Tem Flory pointed out that the Tarrant Appraisal District is responsible for the property value assessments. He added that it's very important residents understand that the annual property tax bills include many entities not just the City. He also pointed out that the City has no control over the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District taxes.

There was no additional public input, therefore Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.



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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 9, 2018

**TO:** Gabe Reaume, City Manager  
Dolph Johnson, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Kim Quin, Finance Director

**CC:** Janice England, City Secretary

**SUBJECT:** City Council actions required to adopt the FY18/19 tax rate and budget

Attached is the Notice of Proposed Property Tax Rate that is required by state law and must be published in the Star Telegram and posted on the City's website by Saturday, August 25, 2018. We plan to publish on Thursday, August 23, 2018.

The effective tax rate is .454363 and the rollback tax rate is .471806. The proposed 2018 tax rate is .471800. State law requires certain Truth-In-Taxation procedures must be followed if the City increases the tax rate above the effective tax rate or the rollback tax rate, whichever is lower. The proposed tax rate is 3.84% higher than the effective tax rate and will generate 7.01% more tax revenues than last year.

Therefore, if the City Council plans to adopt the proposed tax rate of .471800 and FY18/19 budget, the Truth-In-Taxation requirements are triggered and the following procedures must be followed:

- At the August 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting, the Council must vote to consider a tax rate of .471800 which is an increase of 3.84% above the effective tax rate. A motion must be made to propose that the Council place on the September 18<sup>th</sup> agenda the adoption of the proposed tax rate and schedule two public hearings, September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>, on the proposal for increasing the tax rate.
- Publish the "Notice of 2018 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate" in the newspaper before August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- File a copy of the FY18/19 Proposed Budget with the City Secretary and post to the City website by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

- At the September 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, the City Council will hold the first public hearing on the tax rate increase. The City Council will not take any action on the tax rate at this meeting, but will hear any public comments about the proposed tax rate. After the end of the Public Hearing, the City Council must announce the date, time, and location at which they will vote on the tax rate.
- By September 7<sup>th</sup> the City must advertise a public hearing on the FY 18/19 Proposed Budget. This advertisement will state the proposed 7.01% increase in tax revenues.
- At the Special Council Meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the City Council will hold the second public hearing on the tax rate increase. The City Council will hear any public comments about the proposed tax rate. After the end of the Public Hearing, the City Council must announce the date, time, and location at which they will vote on the tax rate.
- At the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, the City Council must hold a public hearing on the FY18/19 Proposed Budget. After the hearing has ended, the Council must take separate votes on the budget, then the tax rate increase, and lastly the tax rate. The wording of the resolutions and motion to set the tax rate must include specific language to conform to the Truth-In-Taxation laws.