



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 25-12 Establishing 6.2500 as the Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 which is 8.9% more than the Rolled-Back Rate of 5.7413; Setting September 8, 2025, as the date for the first Public Hearing.

PREPARED BY: Robert Bonetti

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution 25-12

Summary

Section 200.065, Florida Statutes requires all taxing authorities to advise the Property Appraiser of the proposed millage rate, computed rolled-back millage rate, and, of the time, date, and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget.

Florida Statutes state that no taxing authority within the county may hold a millage rate hearing on the same day as a school district or County Commission hearing date. The Alachua County Public Schools Board is holding its budget hearings on July 27 and September 9, 2025. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners is holding its budget hearings on September 11 and September 23, 2025. Therefore, the City of Alachua will hold its public hearings on September 8 and September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers in City Hall.

The City Commission millage rate options are:

- A) set millage rate at or below the majority vote maximum rate of 8.1399 - this applies to both the proposed and rolled-back millage rates; or,
- B) set millage rate at a rate greater than 8.1399 but no more than 8.9539 - would require a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the September public hearings.

The City Manager's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget is being developed based on a proposed General Fund millage rate of 6.2500 mills. The General Fund rolled-back millage rate is 5.7413 mills. The rolled-back rate is the rate that would generate the same prior year ad valorem tax revenues exclusive of new construction, additions to structures, deletions, increases in the value of improvements, and annexations. The proposed millage rate is 8.9% more than the rolled-back millage rate. The final details of the budget and the City's millage rate will be discussed and reviewed at budget workshops to be held in the upcoming months.

This action, in and of itself, does not set the final millage. A proposed millage tonight should be viewed as simply setting a ceiling since any upward adjustment to the millage rate in September would require a new Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice to be mailed to all residents. This cost would be the responsibility of the City.

By adopting the proposed resolution, the City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to provide a copy of the resolution to the Alachua County Property Appraiser for use in preparing the Notice of Proposed Property taxes, as required by Section 200.069, Florida Statutes and to execute, as the Administrating Official, any Department of Revenue forms necessary to complete its certification.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approximately \$9,140,257 in Ad Valorem receipts

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

COMMISSION GOALS

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 25-12

RESOLUTION 25-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING 6.2500 AS THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WHICH IS 8.9% MORE THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.7413; SETTING SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR) 420 FORMS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Property Appraiser electronically certified the preliminary 2025 taxable values for General City purposes on June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Section 200.065(2)(b), Florida Statutes, requires the City Commission to advise the Property Appraiser of its rolled-back millage rate, its proposed millage rate, and of the time, date and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the tentative millage rates and the tentative budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The rolled-back rate for General City purposes, as computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), Florida Statutes, is 5.7413 mills.

SECTION 2. The proposed millage rate necessary to fund the General City budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is 6.2500 mills for the General Fund.

SECTION 3. The proposed millage rate necessary to fund the General City budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is 8.9% more than the rolled-back rate.

SECTION 4. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget for the City of Alachua on September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alachua City Hall Commission Chambers located at 15100 N. W. 142nd Terrace, Alachua, FL 32615.

SECTION 5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Alachua County Property Appraiser for use in preparing the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes, as required by Section 200.069, Florida Statutes and to execute, as the Chief Administrative Officer, any Department of Revenue forms necessary to complete this certification.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 28th day of July, 2025.

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA**

Walter Welch, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

Rodolfo Valladares, Interim City Manager/Clerk