

WORCESTER COUNTY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.9% from \$16,485,090,727 to \$16,796,158,998.
2. If Worcester County maintains the current tax rate of \$0.845 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.9% resulting in \$2,628,527 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.8294, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The County is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The County proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.845 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 1.9% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$2,628,527 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Worcester County Government Center, One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.

If you wish to speak or attend in person, we encourage you to pre-register by calling the County Administration office at 410-632-1194.

The meeting will also be streamed live on the County website at <https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live>.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Speakers will be allowed to address the County Commissioners for up to two (2) minutes. Public Comment may also be submitted in advance by email at wchearing@co.worcester.md.us or in writing received on or before 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the County Commissioners' Office at Room 1103 Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863.

All commenters must identify themselves by their full name and address to be included in the public record. Written comments received by the deadline will be read into the record by Worcester County staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (410) 632-1194 for further information.