

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE
UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2027 FOR THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS**

The City of Bay St. Louis will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for FYE 2027 on September 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The City of Bay St. Louis is currently operating with the FY26 total projected budget revenue of \$67,964,060. 8.00 percent or \$5,436,179 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed FY27 budget has a total projected revenue of \$39,730,304. Of that amount, 14.40 percent or \$5,719,910 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision not to increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for FYE 2027 above the current year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for FYE 2027.

A millage rate of 25.42 will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes as was collected the prior year. The millage rate for the prior year was 26.75.

Any citizen of the City of Bay St. Louis is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year FYE 2027 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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