NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD MISSISSIPPI

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for Fiscal Year 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2025 in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The City of Diamondhead is now operating with projected total budget revenue of 5,884,739 (54 percent) or \$3,159,000 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year October 1, 2025 ending September 30, 2026, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$5,690,950. Of that amount, (60 percent) or \$3,411,000 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. A millage rate of 28.89 will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes collected in the prior year. The millage rate for the prior year was 29.5.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026 above the current fiscal 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 Fiscal Year 2025.

Any citizen of the City of Diamondhead is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for Fiscal Year 2026 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Jeannie Klein City Clerk

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