FY26 Maximum Millage Rates Consensus

July 22, 2025





Maximum Millage Rates



- Counties must establish maximum millage rates for certification to the Property Appraiser by August 4 [F.S. 200.065(2)b]
 - The Maximum Millage Rates will be included in the TRIM Notices to be mailed on August 18
 - The Millage Rates may be decreased after certification, but may not be practically increased
 - Millage Rate a rate applied to a property's taxable value to determine property tax due - as used with ad valorem property taxes, the rate expresses the dollars of tax per one thousand dollars of taxable value (a 5.0 mill tax on \$1,000 equals \$5.00)

Voting Thresholds



- In Florida, the voting threshold required to approve property tax rates in counties depends not on whether the millage rate is increasing or staying the same, but on how the proposed rate compares to the state-defined "rolled-back rate."
- The amount being requested for consensus in each table on the following slides is the <u>second column (FY25 Current Millage/FY26</u> <u>Maximum</u>). This is the millage rate (the maximum millage) that will be mailed in TRIM notices in August.
- The proposed rate is the <u>third column (FY26 Proposed Millage)</u>. This
 is the millage rate that is being proposed and will be brought for a
 vote in September.

Bottom Line Up Front



- The Countywide General Fund millage rate is proposed at the same rate as the current year
- Of the 23 millage rates approved by the Board of County Commissioners
 - 19 of these require a majority vote
 - 4 require a two-thirds majority vote (at the second Public Budget Hearing on September 18)
- One rate is proposed to increase the Seminole Fire Rescue District is proposed to increase from 1.5675 mills to 1.8000 mills – and requires only a majority vote

Countywide Millage Rates



Taxing District	FY25 Current Millage (FY26 Maximum)	FY26 Proposed Millage	Voting Threshold for Proposed	Proposed Change
General Fund	4.5947 mills	4.5947 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Health Department	0.0713 mills	0.0713 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Emergency Medical Services	0.8050 mills	0.8050 mills	Simple Majority	Same

Pinellas Planning Council Millage Rate



Taxing District	FY25 Current Millage (FY26 Maximum)	FY26 Proposed Millage	Voting Threshold for Proposed	Proposed Change
Pinellas Planning Council	0.0200 mills	0.0175 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction

Dependent Special Districts Millage Rates



Taxing District	FY25 Current Millage (FY26 Maximum)	FY26 Proposed Millage	Voting Threshold for Proposed	Proposed Change
Municipal Services Tax District Unincorporated Area (MSTU)	2.0857 mills	2.0857 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Library Services	0.5000 mills	0.5000 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Palm Harbor Community Service	0.5000 mills	0.5000 mills	Two-Thirds	Same
Feather Sound Community Service	0.7000 mills	0.7000 mills	Simple Majority	Same
East Lake Library Services	0.2500 mills	0.2500 mills	Two-Thirds	Same
East Lake Recreation Services	0.2500 mills	0.2500 mills	Two-Thirds	Same
Greater Seminole Recreation	0.2500 mills	0.2500 mills	Two-Thirds	Same

Fire Protection Districts



Taxing District	FY25 Current Millage (FY26 Maximum)	FY26 Proposed Millage	Voting Threshold for Proposed	Proposed Change
Belleair Bluffs Fire	1.3250 mills	1.3000 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction
Clearwater Fire	1.5657 mills	1.3700 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction
Dunedin Fire	1.7650 mills	1.7650 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Gandy Fire	0.8894 mills	0.7800 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction
Highpoint Fire	2.3000 mills	2.3000 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Largo Fire	1.8367 mills	1.6200 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction
Pinellas Park Fire	2.5700 mills	2.5700 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Safety Harbor Fire	1.4200 mills	1.2500 mills	Simple Majority	Reduction
Seminole Fire	1.5675 mills	1.8000 mills	Simple Majority	Increase
	(1.8000 mills)			
South Pasadena Fire	0.2900 mills	0.2900 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Tarpon Springs Fire	2.0250 mills	2.0250 mills	Simple Majority	Same
Tierra Verde Fire	1.5000 mills	1.5000 mills	Simple Majority	Same

Budget Timeline



- July 23 maximum millages sent to the Property Appraiser
- August 18 TRIM notices mailed to all property owners
- September 4 1st Public Hearing
- September 18 2nd Public Hearing
- October 1 Fiscal Year 2026 begins