

Memorandum



Date: July 16, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniella Levine Cava".

Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)

Subject: Setting of Proposed FY 2025-26 Countywide Operating Millage Rate

Executive Summary

This item seeks approval of the Countywide operating millage rate of 4.5740 mills. This flat rate is recommended in the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget for the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval.

For two budget cycles in a row, I recommended and the Board approved a cut to the Countywide millage rate to provide essential relief to our residents struggling with the rising costs of living. These combined two years of tax rate cuts were the first property tax cuts in over a decade, bringing the Countywide millage to a historic low – the lowest since 1982.

As we look to the budget for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, our County faces enormous strains on our resources, including the financial impacts resulting from establishing new constitutional offices – a major restructuring of local government that created unfunded state mandates which now must be balanced – combined with federal and state cuts impacting our funding and revenue, a shifting national economic outlook, and increasing demand for County services thanks to our unprecedented growth over the past several years.

This year we must take an even more conservative approach than ever to planning our budget and setting the millage, as we work to balance these pressures and minimize impacts to our residents as much as possible. The administration has developed a proposed budget that prioritizes core services and safeguards our County's long-term fiscal health, while protecting taxpayers and maintaining a flat tax rate. We have streamlined government, maximized efficiencies, and identified cost savings across departments to ensure every single taxpayer dollar is spent to maximum impact, in order to provide essential services in the most effective, efficient way possible without increasing costs for residents.

Making any millage cuts now, in the midst of a budget year when we have done everything possible to propose a fair, balanced budget despite unprecedented financial constraints, would not be fiscally responsible and would ensure that more drastic service adjustments will be required in order to close the funding gap.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the Countywide operating millage rate of 4.5740 mills, as proposed in the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget, for use in preparing the "Notice of Proposed Property Taxes" to be mailed to all property owners in August.

Scope

State law requires that all property owners be advised of proposed property taxes along with notification of public budget hearings. The Property Appraiser will mail required notices to all

property owners in August using proposed tax rates adopted by all taxing authorities in Miami-Dade County.

Delegated Authority

This item contains no delegations of authority to the County Mayor or Mayor's designee.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The millage rate recommended will generate \$2.226 billion in ad valorem revenue for the Countywide General Fund.

Track Record/Monitor

Not applicable.

Background

The recommended Countywide operating millage rate of 4.5740 mills provides revenue to support countywide operations as provided for in the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget.




Carladenise A. Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer

Memorandum



Date: June 3, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: David L. Clodfelter, Director
Office of Management and Budget 
DIRECTOR OMB

Subject: Request to Process Agenda Item

I am requesting that the following items be placed on the July 16, 2025 Board of County Commissioners Agenda.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA OPERATING MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LIBRARY DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTYWIDE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTYWIDE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS


Although these items have not met the noticed deadline and have been provided to the Agenda Coordination Office late, it is important these items move forward with the requested timeline.

I am aware that these items are subject to approval for placement on the agenda by the BCC Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Signature

Carladenise Edwards
Print Name



Approved by Policy Director or Designee
Signature

Demetria Henderson
Print Name

C: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR
2025-26 COUNTYWIDE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE

WHEREAS, section 200.065, Florida Statutes, establishes and describes the requirement that the governing body of each taxing authority hold public hearings on the tentative budget and proposed millage rates, and requires that, within 35 days of certification of value by the Property Appraiser, each taxing authority advise the Property Appraiser of its proposed millage rate and rolled-back rate and of the date, time and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rates and tentative budget so that the information can be included in the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to property owners in August; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum from the County Mayor, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Countywide operating millage rate equal to 4.5740 is approved for transmittal to the Property Appraiser.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman

Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien

Sen. René García

Roberto J. Gonzalez

Danielle Cohen Higgins

Natalie Milian Orbis

Micky Steinberg

Juan Carlos Bermudez

Oliver G. Gilbert, III

Keon Hardemon

Eileen Higgins

Raquel A. Regalado

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

RFA

Michael B. Valdes

Richard Appleton