



A message from Fulton County District 5
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WEEKLY TRUTH-TELLERS REPORT TO DISTRICT 5

STATEMENT

“On May 21, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners increased property taxes in South Fulton County.”

TRUE OR FALSE ?

FALSE. The Board of Commissioners did not increase the County-wide or South Fulton Tax District millage rate. Listed below are the proposed millage rates for the year 2008 and the actual rate in 2007.

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| South Fulton | 5.659 | 5.659 | -000 |
| County-wide | 10.281 | 10.281 | -000 |

Under State law, Counties are required to advertise a millage rate as a “tax increase” if the County does not “roll back” (Reduce) the millage rate (to make up for increases in reassessments).

Increased value of a person’s property is **not** the same as increased property taxes. The public record **also** shows that for 87% of Fulton (residential) home-owners, the value of their property also remained the same or declined.

(Source: Fulton County Department of Finance)