

TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE CHANGE

The Town of East Greenwich proposes to increase its property tax levy to \$54,845,007 in the 2019-2020 budget year; the property tax levy this year is \$53,994,606. The FY 2019 and FY 2020 tax levies have excluded motor vehicle excise tax for the purpose of determining tax levy growth pursuant to current law. **THIS IS A PROPOSED INCREASE OF 1.57%.**

It has been estimated that the proposed increase in property tax revenues will result in a property tax rate of \$23.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both residential and commercial real estate and tangible personal property, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$23.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The preliminary FY 2019-2020 motor vehicle levy includes taxes on motor vehicles at an unchanged rate of \$22.88 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which includes the exemption amount provided by the state's motor vehicle excise tax phase-out legislation and the Town for an exemption up to \$6,000.

A property tax rate of \$23.81 for both residential and commercial real estate, and tangible personal property, would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by Section 44-5-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The East Greenwich Town Council will consider the budget for adoption on June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at East Greenwich Town Hall.

The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the RI Department of Revenue.

Please note that the Town has requested and is awaiting the anticipated enactment of a pending amendment to the Rhode Island General Laws which would allow a split tax rate of \$23.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for residential real estate and \$23.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for commercial real estate and tangible personal property, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$23.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to be effective this year.

However, if the amendment is enacted, a property tax rate of \$ 23.76 for residential real estate and \$ 24.02 for commercial real estate and tangible personal property would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by Section 44-5-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Prior to Town Council adoption of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget, the Town Council will have conducted Budget Public Hearings on May 13 and May 28, 2019, and will conduct a Public Hearing on June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at East Greenwich Town Hall.

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