NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

<u>Macon-Bibb County, Georgia</u> has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by <u>19.43</u> percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held in the Commission Chambers on the second level of Government Center, 700 Poplar Street, Macon, Georgia 31202, on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 12</u>, <u>2014 at 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.</u>

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are to be held in the Commission Chambers on the second level of Government Center, 700 Poplar Street, Macon, Georgia 31202, on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 19</u>, <u>2014 at 6:00 p.m.</u>

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of <u>14.652 mills</u>, an increase of <u>2.649 mills</u>. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than <u>12.003 mills</u>. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$75,000 is approximately \$61 and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$133.

This increase in property taxes is resulting from the creation of a new county wide tax district to be known as the "Macon-Bibb County Tax District" by adding the millage rate for the former Bibb County Fire District (2.649 mills) to the millage rate for the former Bibb County Unincorporated Tax district (12.003 mills) for a new tentative county wide millage rate of 14.652 mills. Former Bibb County Fire District taxpayers will no longer pay the 2.649 mills as a separate fire protection tax. A new special services tax district contemporaneous with the corporate limits of the City of Macon, (excluding that portion of the City of Macon that was located in Jones County), is also being created to be known as the "Macon City Tax District" with the millage rate set at one-half of the millage rate for the former City of Macon Tax District (9.700 mills) for a new tentative Macon City Tax District millage rate of 4.850 mills.