

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Budget
Work Session

Item ID 35136 Agenda Number 2.

Meeting Date: 8/19/2014 Department: Budget Office

### Subject

Set a public hearings to consider the proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (Suggested dates and times: August 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., Travis County Commissioners Court, 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas and September 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., Town Lake Center Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX). (Public comment will be allowed on this item.)

## Amount and Source of Funding

#### Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, 974-1380; Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, 974-2638
For More Information:	
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

#### Additional Backup Information

State law requires that all taxing jurisdictions participate in the process of Truth-In-Taxation. When a proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of 100 percent of the effective rate or the rollback rate, the Council must adopt a maximum proposed tax rate that it will consider. State law requires that the vote to adopt a proposed maximum rate must be a roll call vote, indicating any absences from the dais.

If Council votes to consider a maximum proposed rate that exceeds the effective rate of 46.06 cents per \$100 of taxable value, it must schedule and conduct two public hearings on the proposed tax rate. To comply with state law, the first public hearing will be conducted at 4:00 p.m. during the regular scheduled Council meeting of August 28, 2014 and take place at Travis County Commissioners Court, 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas. The second public hearing will take place at 9:30 a.m. during the Council Budget Work Session of September 3, 2014 and take place at Town Lake Center Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX. After these hearings, Council must adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 property (ad valorem) tax rate. Adoption of the tax rate has been set for Monday, September 8, 2014. The vote to adopt the property tax rate will be conducted in the Town Lake Center Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

Even though the Council votes to consider a proposed tax rate above the effective rate, the Council may, as a result of deliberations, adopt a tax rate at or below the rate stated in the published notices.