



2022 Cherokee County Millage Rate

July 5, 2022



2023

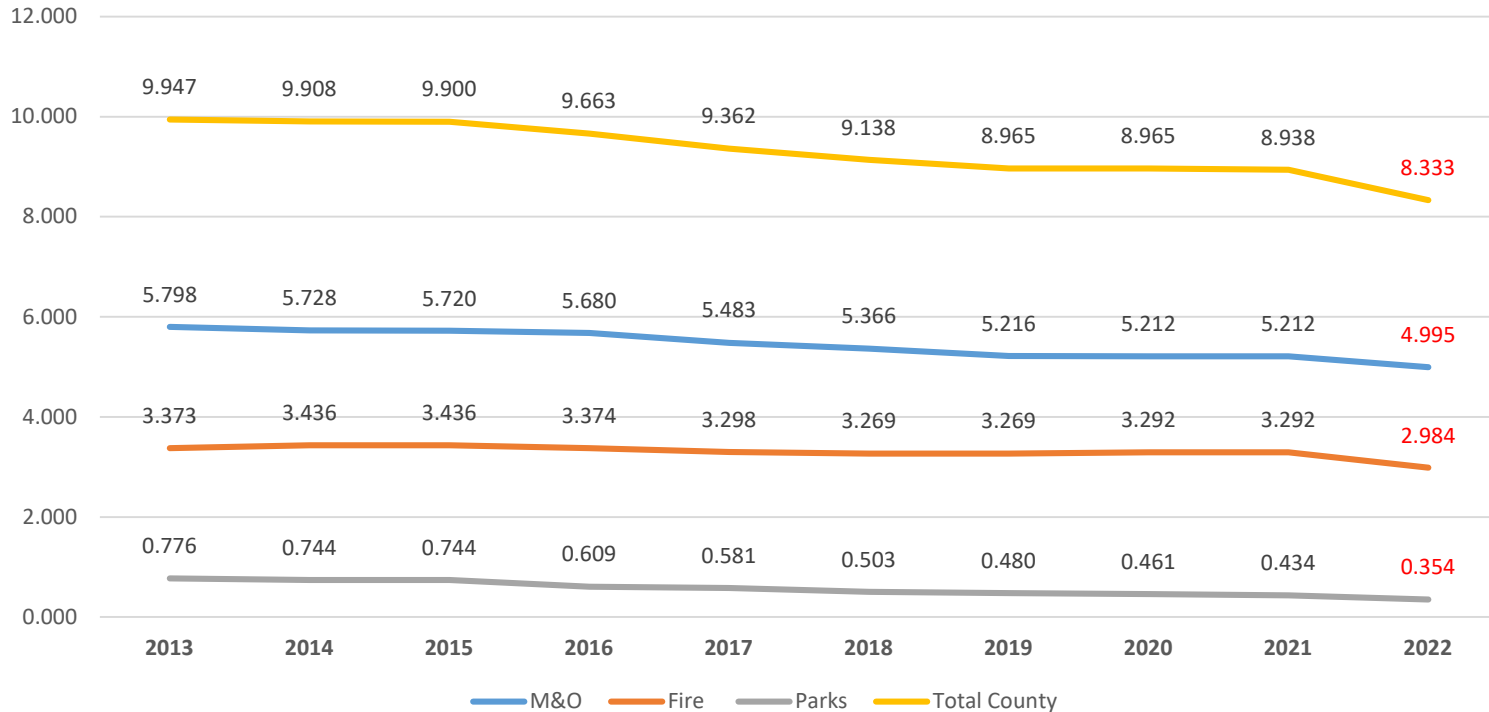
The Financial Road

2022

What Lies Ahead

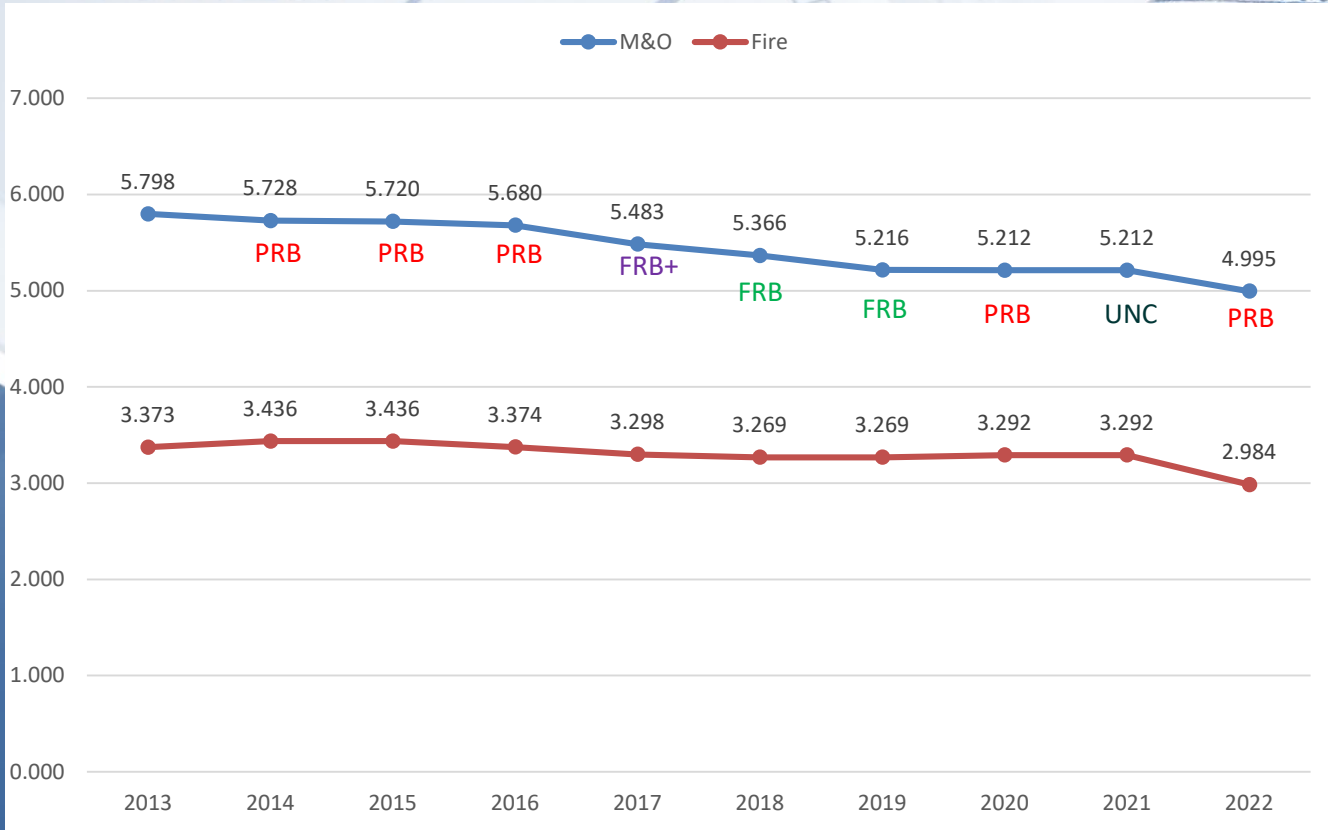
- Inflation – Current 8.6%
- Talks of Recession
- Employee Vacancies
- Employee Turnover Rate
- Salary Market Study
- Service Levels

Cherokee County Millage Rate History & Forecast



The Proposed Millage Rates will yield a 16.2% decrease from 2013 rates.

Cherokee County M&O & Fire Millage Rate History



**Millage Rate
Decrease from
2013 to 2022**

M&O	13.8%
Fire	11.5%

FRB+ = Full Roll Back +
FRB = Full Roll Back
PRB = Partial Roll Back
UNC = Unchanged

M&O 2022 Tax Digest

Description	2021 Digest	2022 Digest	\$ Change	% Change	Inflation	Growth
Gross Digest	14,286,110,243	17,601,281,258	3,315,171,015	23.21%	17.33%	5.87%
Exemptions	2,277,700,384	3,663,150,708	1,385,450,324	60.83%	37.93%	22.89%
Net Digest	12,008,409,859	13,938,130,550	1,929,720,691	16.07%	13.42%	2.65%

- Residential parcels (with a single house that would qualify, not vacant): 91,429
- Residential parcels with the Homestead Freeze Exemption: 55,467
- Total value of the Homestead Freeze Exemptions (at 40%): \$2,859,169,859

61% of residential
Parcels have the
Homestead Freeze
Exemption

78% of the
Exemption values are
due to the
Homestead Freeze

Fire 2022 Tax Digest

Description	2021 Digest	2022 Digest	\$Change	% Change	Inflation	Growth
Gross Digest	9,524,347,835	11,767,820,386	2,243,472,551	23.56%	18.85%	4.71%
Exemptions	405,283,315	449,941,047	44,657,732	11.02%	0.00%	11.02%
Net Digest	9,119,064,520	11,317,879,339	2,198,814,819	24.11%	19.68%	4.43%

2022 Millage Rate Assumptions

General Fund

- 31 New Positions \$2.3M
- 7% COLA \$5.7M
- Salary Market Reserve \$3.1M
- Expenditures Increase 11%
- FY2022 Fund Balance \$61.8M

Fire Fund

- 11 New Positions \$.8M
- 7% COLA \$2.1M
- Salary Market Reserve \$1.2M
- Expenditures Increase 12.9%
- FY2022 Fund Balance \$11.3M

2022 M&O Millage Rate Key Stats

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Full Roll Back
Expenditures	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126
Fund Balance	\$58,802,672	\$55,802,672	\$50,432,672
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	42.70%	40.52%	36.62%
Months of Fund Balance	5.12	4.86	4.39
Fund Balance Change	(\$3,039,010)	(\$6,039,010)	(\$11,409,010)
Millage Rate	5.212	4.995	4.609
Property Tax Increase over Roll Back	13.1%	8.4%	0%
Millage Rate Change	0.000	-0.217	-0.603

2022 Fire Millage Rate Key Stats

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Full Roll Back
Expenditures	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530
Fund Balance	\$13,942,301	\$10,462,301	\$8,037,301
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	30.59%	22.95%	17.63%
Months of Fund Balance	3.67	2.75	2.12
Fund Balance Change	\$2,648,703	(\$831,297)	(3,256,297)
Millage Rate	3.292	2.984	2.770
Property Tax Increase Over Roll Back	18.8%	7.7%	0%
Millage Rate Change	0.000	-0.308	-0.522

Actual Homeowner With Homestead Freeze

Current Rates	Millage Rates			Change		2021	2022	Change
	2021	2022	Change					
M&O	5.212	\$647	\$647	\$0				
Fire	3.292	\$530	\$635	\$105	Home Value	\$402,200	\$482,300	\$80,100
Parks	0.434	\$70	\$84	\$14	Assessed %	40%	40%	
Total	8.938	\$1,246	\$1,366	\$119	Assessed Value	\$160,880	\$192,920	\$32,040
Proposed		2021	2022	Change	Homestead Exemption (M&O) Only	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	\$0
M&O	4.995	\$647	\$620	(\$27)	Homestead Freeze (M&O) Only	(\$31,760)	(\$63,800)	(\$32,040)
Fire	2.984	\$530	\$576	\$46	GF Value	\$124,120	\$124,120	\$0
Parks	0.354	\$70	\$68	(\$2)	Fire/Parks Bond Value	\$160,880	\$192,920	\$32,040
Total	8.333	\$1,246	\$1,264	\$18				
Full Roll Back		2021	2022	Change				
M&O	4.609	\$647	\$572	(\$75)				
Fire	2.770	\$530	\$534	\$5				
Parks	0.371	\$70	\$72	\$2				
Total	7.750	\$1,246	\$1,178	(\$68)				

Actual Homeowner Without Homestead Freeze

Current Rates	Millage			Change		2021	2022	Change
	Rates	2021	2022					
M&O	5.212	\$839	\$1,005	\$167				
Fire	3.292	\$530	\$635	\$105	Home Value	\$402,200	\$482,300	\$80,100
Parks	0.434	\$70	\$84	\$14	Assessed %	40%	40%	
Total	8.938	\$1,438	\$1,724	\$286	Assessed Value	\$160,880	\$192,920	\$32,040
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					Homestead Freeze (M&O) Only			\$0
					GF Value	\$160,880	\$192,920	\$32,040
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Proposed		2021	2022	Change				
M&O	4.995	\$839	\$964	\$125				
Fire	2.984	\$530	\$576	\$46				
Parks	0.354	\$70	\$68	(\$2)				
Total	8.333	\$1,438	\$1,724	\$170				
Full Roll Back		2021	2022	Change				
M&O	4.609	\$839	\$889	\$51				
Fire	2.770	\$530	\$534	\$5				
Parks	0.371	\$70	\$72	\$2				
Total	7.750	\$1,438	\$1,495	\$57				

Key Points

- For the 10th consecutive year, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners have not increased the M&O millage rate while actually reducing the rate 8 out of the last 10 years.
- The M&O advertisement will indicate a tax increase; however, 61% of residential parcels have the homestead freeze exemption which will actually result in a tax decrease in the M&O.
- The combined millage rates (M&O, Fire, & Parks Bond) will show a total decrease in the millage rate.
- 74% of the property tax dollars fund Public Safety and Judicial

Cherokee County Millage Rate Process

Advertise Proposed
M&O Rate in
Saturday, June 25th
Cherokee Tribune

Public Hearing
Tuesday,
July 5th
6:00 pm

Public Hearings
Tuesday,
July 19th
11:00am
6:00 pm

Public Hearing and
Adoption of all
Millage Rates
July 19th
6:00 pm

