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## **County commissioners keep 2011 property tax millage same as 2010 rate**

Sarasota County commissioners today certified the final property tax millage rate for fiscal year 2011, keeping the rate at the same level as it was for fiscal year 2010. Today's action follows the receipt of the final property valuations for the county from the property appraiser on July 1.

The rate adopted by commissioners is the not-to-exceed rate that will be used for the Truth in Millage notice sent by the tax collector to property owners in August. In September, commissioners will hold two public workshops to adopt the fiscal year 2011 budget along with the final millage rate. At that time, commissioners can decrease the millage rate but they cannot increase it from what was advertised.

At the conclusion of the budget workshops in June, commissioners agreed by consensus to retain the millage at the same rate as in fiscal year 2010. After adopting this millage rate, commissioners will be free to reduce it during the September public hearings on the budget, but cannot exceed what is certified on July 13.

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