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Shep. tax rate will remain same

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – In a county in which the growth has led to decreases in property tax rates for 2023, the place which has experienced the largest amount of increase in assessments will be able to narrowly keep its rate the same.

Because of the amount of “new” growth, the

New growth large enough to allow city to keep rate same, gain more revenue

Shepherdsville City Council will retain its real property tax rate of 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The council voted 5-0 to approve the 2023 real estate tax.

If a home is assessed at

\$100,000, you will pay the city \$122 in real property taxes.

In calculations prepared by finance officer Tonya Taylor, the 12.2 cent rate was possible because of the \$1.7 billion in assessments, nearly \$440 million came from new property.

This means that the new property does not count toward the 4 percent revenue increase allowed each year under House Bill 44.

From the current year, the city realized \$2.1 million in real property revenue. The

city could generate another \$1 million when bills are sent out this October.

While a penalty will be imposed if paid after Dec. 31, 2023, there is a 2 percent discount if paid by Nov. 1.

The city opted to lower its motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate. The rate will go from 12.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 12.5 cents.

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Hillview to propose decrease in tax rate

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HILLVIEW — Following a special meeting to set city tax rates, and prior to a meeting officially approving tax rates, the Hillview City Council agreed during a regularly-scheduled meeting to change a tax rate.

During a first special meeting, city attorney Harlen Compton shared calculations with the council to help determine a new potential ad valorem real property tax rates.

Compton noted that last year's real property rate was set at 12.14 cents per \$100 of property, meaning a resident with \$100,000 of real property paid \$121.40 in taxes.

With factors including city growth and Homestead exemptions, Compton said a compensating rate, allowing the city to collect the same amount of funding as the previous year, would be 10.764 cents.

The city was allowed to raise from the compensating rate by 4 percent without being subject to a recall and being placed on a future ballot. The 4 percent maximum rate was set at 11.194 cents.

Compton reminded that any rate established between the 10.764 compensating rate and the 11.194 maximum rate would require a public hearing to allow residents an opportunity to discuss the issue.

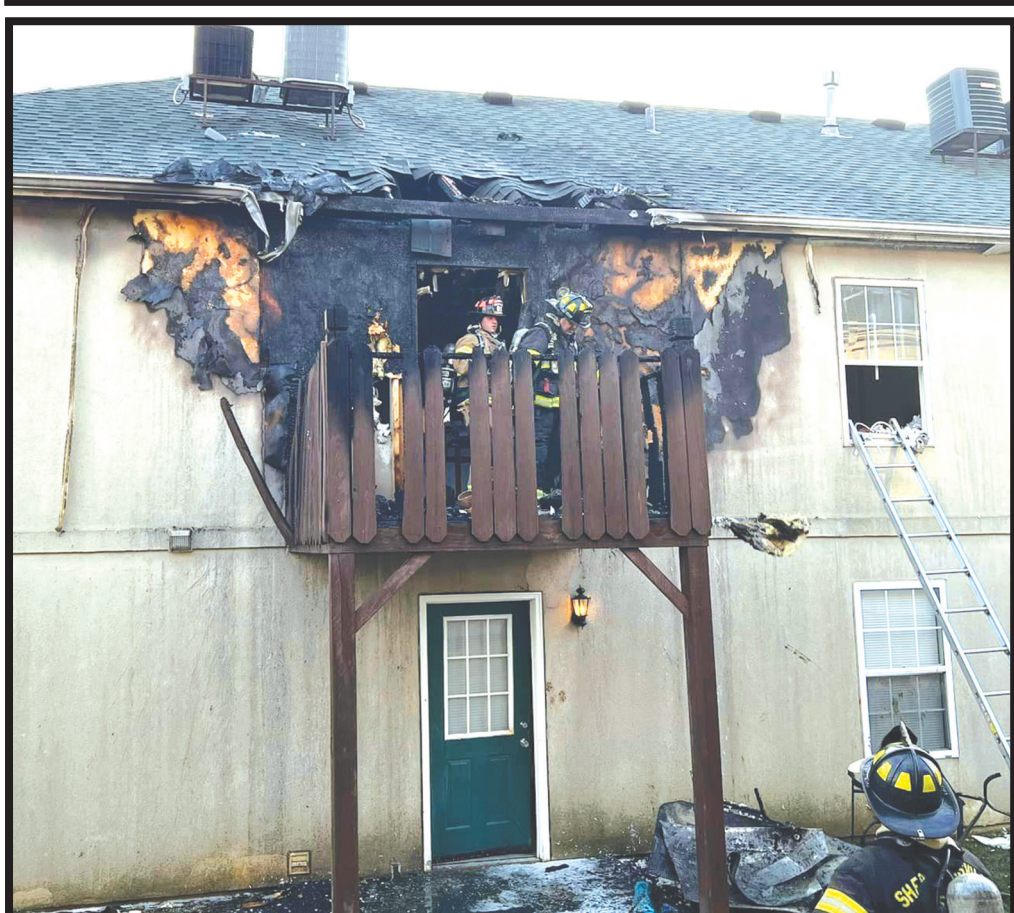
The council approved setting the rate at the maximum 11.194 rate to be approved at the second special meeting, with a public hearing also scheduled prior to the meeting.

Later, at the city's next regularly-scheduled meeting, Compton shared an issue he came across that he felt the council should address.

According to Compton, the Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 132.010, Definitions for Chapter, referred to the “compensating tax rate” as rounded to

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No one hurt in apartment fire



Shepherdsville Fire Department was called to a residential fire on Wednesday at about 6:14 p.m.

They arrived on the scene at the Lakeview Apartment off Highway 44 and Interstate 65.

Firefighters found a large fire on the rear of the building on the second floor balcony. The fire had extended into the attic and out the front soffit.

The quick response and actions of the initial arriving units, saved the building and property of most of the tenants.

Assistance was received from Zoneton Fire, Mount Washington, Bullitt County EMS and Shepherdsville Police.

Photos from Shepherdsville Fire Facebook

Truck repair shop on I-65 gets BOA approval

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HILLVIEW – It only makes sense that a perfect spot for a large truck repair facility is next to an interstate.

So when a request for a conditional use permit was made to the Bullitt County Board of Adjustments for such a facility sitting next to Interstate 65, there was not a

lot of protest.

The board voted unanimously to approve a request for Reinaldo Acosta Fernandez and the property owners Sara and Homer Myers.

Attorney Nick Prolicesco said that his client wanted to operate a large truck repair facility, as well as space for parts sales and storage. The plan is to build a 9,000 square foot building on the property

along East Blue Lick Road in Hillview.

The applicant currently operates a similar shop in Louisville but was looking for a larger facility. There would be three bays for repair work at the proposed facility.

There was no opposition to the request. It was approved unanimously.

In other BOA business:

*Melissa Stout hoped to

build a covered porch on her home in Hillview.

To do that, she would need a variance to encroach 10 feet into the 15-foot front setback.

Joshua Stout said the intent was to simply put a front porch onto the home on Desert Court so the family could sit outside.

There was no opposition. The variance was approved unanimously.

*Trevor Ford received approval for a variance on his home.

The plan was to extend the garage but he needed a one-foot variance.

There would be a privacy fence around the garage and no neighbors came out to protest the garage on Deer Park Way in Mount Washington.

The request was approved.

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