

**Discussion/Direction/Decision** on other  
Citizens' Taskforce recommendations including:

- Millage rate increase
- Vehicle registration tax
- Elimination of sales tax on groceries



## Memorandum

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Assembly

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SUBJECT: FY17 Mill Rate Primer – Assembly Discussion

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Now that our FY16 Tax Year is coming to a close and our property taxbase is being certified, it is an appropriate time to have a basic primer on mill rate structures and how the property tax fits into our overall fiscal policy.

I'd like to present a basic mill rate primer for the Assembly at the May 10, 2016, regular meeting so that the Assembly and the community can begin thinking about the possible restructuring of our overall fiscal policy in light of unfolding economic conditions.

Although the City and Borough of Sitka has not yet felt the full impacts of state and federal revenue reductions, we are starting to see signs of change. A periodic review of our overall fiscal policy is in order, and because the property tax is the cornerstone of modern taxation systems we should open this discussion.