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## ANNOUNCING INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HB 581 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

January 20, 2025 – The Board of Commissioners of Hancock County announces its intention to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption. This decision was made after careful consideration of the potential impacts of HB 581. To ensure transparency and gather public input, the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County will be holding a series of three public hearings to discuss the potential implications of opting out of HB 581. These hearings will provide an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions and concerns. All public hearings will be held in the Superior Court Courtroom, located on the second floor of the Hancock County Courthouse, 12630 Broad Street, Sparta, GA 31087. The dates and times of the three public hearings will be January 31, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.; February 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.; and February 12, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. The City encourages all residents to attend the public hearings and participate in the decision-making process.