

Ocoee has had the highest Milage rate (tax) out of (Comparable) Municipalities in Orange County for more than a decade. In addition, starting in 2009, the City of Ocoee adopted Non Ad-Volerm Fees. These fees are amended to your tax bill and due yearly (per Parcel). These fees are listed for (specific) Services but actually are put into the General Fund. Then dispersed for other things, even recently being used. To secure (as collateral) the bond/loan to develop the Downtown Master Plan. The fees count for the majority of the taxes/fees collected in the City and (fund our City). Quote from the Finance director at the Cities Budget workshop on 8-9-2022.

FY 2022 Milage (or tax) Rate by City

Ocoee - 4.95

Apopka – 4.18

Winter Garden – 4.50

Windemere – 3.74

Winter Park – 4.35

Belle Isle – 4.40

Maitland – 4.46

\*\*\*\* The Additional Fees Per Year FY 2022 \*\*\*\* That Most other Cities do not even have are.

Fire Fighters \$ 101.33

Garbage \$ 275.25

Sewer/Stormwater \$ 101.33

Total per Home – Per Year \$ 477.91

For example, a million-dollar house pays the same as a 100k house (this is a Regressive Taxation). But, I'm sorry to say that these fees from Ocoee can NOT be removed for 30 years Unfortunately. So we deserve to have the best Services around.

An Efficient – Transparent – Accountable Local Government has to be the goal!!