

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, will consider the adoption of an ordinance at its meeting to be held on March 22, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The hearing will be held at the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor, Jack Durrance Auditorium, Gainesville, Florida 32601. Said ordinance being titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE 16-06 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA ("THE CURRENT 0.50 PERCENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX") EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND LEVYING A NEW 1.0 PERCENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX ON CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS OCCURING WITHIN ALACHUA COUNTY FROM WHICH TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 212, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2032 ("NEW SURTAX"); PROVIDING THAT THE LEVY OF THE NEW SURTAX, AND THE REPEAL OF THE CURRENT 0.50 PERCENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX, SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS APPROVED AT A REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NEW SURTAX; PROVIDING THAT 50.0 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NEW SURTAX SHALL BE USED TO ACQUIRE AND IMPROVE LANDS FOR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR PUBLIC RECREATION, AND TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PARKS, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ("WILD SPACES PUBLIC PLACES USES" OR "WSPP USES"); PROVIDING THAT 50.0 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NEW SURTAX SHALL BE USED TO REPAIR ROADS AND IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY, CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE FIRE STATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES, ACQUIRE LANDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 212.055(2)(d)(3), FLORIDA STATUTES ("NON-WSPP USES"); PROVIDING THAT NOT MORE THAN 15.0 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE NEW SURTAX MAY BE USED TO FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 212.055(2)(d)(3), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022; PROVIDING BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALACHUA COUNTY AND ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITIES PURSUANT TO THE FORMULA PROVIDED IN SECTION 218.62, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance is available for review online at:

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Pages/Ordinance-Advertisements.aspx>. A copy of the proposed ordinance is also available at 12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor, County Manager's Office, Gainesville, Florida 32601, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding County recognized holidays).

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, they may need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

All interested persons may attend and provide public comment. Face coverings are strongly encouraged if you cannot socially distance.

Meetings will be broadcast over Cox Channel 12 and the County's Video on Demand website.

The public may submit written comments and photographic documents to the Board through email (bocc@alachuacounty.us) before the meeting.

Any questions regarding participation should be directed to the Alachua County

Communications Office at 352-264-6923 or 352-264-6693. If accommodations for persons with disabilities are needed, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at 352-374-5275, at least 2 business days prior to the event. TTY users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

Marihelen Wheeler

Chair, Board of County Commissioners
