

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ONE HALF CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 212.055(2) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A COURTHOUSE/JUDICIAL CENTER ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE LEVY BY VOTERS IN A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING THE TIME LENGTH OF IMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE SURTAX; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, (the local sales tax law) authorizes Santa Rosa County to impose a one half percent (.5%) local option infrastructure sales surtax upon taxable transactions occurring within Santa Rosa County, as provided in Section 212.054; and

WHEREAS, a brief description of the project to be funded from the revenue is set forth in the language contained in this ordinance, as well as the ballot language; and

WHEREAS, the revenues of the local sales tax shall be distributed in accordance with Florida Statutes 218.62.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. IMPOSITION OF LOCAL SALES TAX. Pursuant to the authorization granted by the local sales tax law, Florida Statute 212.055(2), and other applicable laws, there is hereby imposed a one half percent (.5%) local sales tax upon taxable transactions occurring within Santa Rosa County.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION. The local sales tax imposed in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not take effect unless and until the local sales tax is approved by a majority of the electors of Santa Rosa County voting in a referendum election on the local sales tax held as required by this Ordinance. Said local sales tax shall take effect the first day of January, 2017.

SECTION 3. LENGTH OF IMPOSITION OF LOCAL SALES TAX. The local sales tax imposed hereby shall be effective for Five (5) years from the date of levy, ending on December 31, 2021.

SECTION 4. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX. In accordance with the local sales tax law, revenues of the local sales tax hereby imposed shall be distributed in accordance with Florida Statutes 218.62.

SECTION 5. HOLDING ELECTION. The Supervisor of Elections of Santa Rosa County is hereby directed to place the referendum election required by this Ordinance on the primary election to be held on August 30, 2016.

SECTION 6. BALLOT QUESTION. The Supervisor of Elections of Santa Rosa County shall cause the following question to be placed on the ballot of the referendum held as required by this Ordinance:

SALES TAX FOR COURTHOUSE

“Shall a one half cent sales tax be levied to fund the construction of a new Courthouse/Judicial Center adjacent to the existing courthouse. The tax will be levied for a period of Five (5) years and generate, by present estimate, approximately \$35 million.”

_____ **FOR THE ONE HALF CENT SALES TAX**

_____ **AGAINST THE ONE HALF CENT SALES TAX**

SECTION 7. USE OF REVENUES. The proceeds shall be used for the items identified above.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, it is the intent of the Board that such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 9. CODIFICATION. The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of laws and ordinances of the County of Santa Rosa. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing of a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Department of State within ten (10) days after enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of ____ yeas and ____ nays and ____ absent of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, on the __ day of _____, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: _____
Lane Lynchard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court

I, Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court of Santa Rosa County, Florida, do hereby certify that the same was adopted and filed of record and sent electronically to the Secretary of the State of Florida, on this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court

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SECTION 3. LENGTH OF IMPOSITION OF LOCAL SALES TAX. The local sales tax imposed hereby shall be effective for five (5) years from the date of levy, ending on December 31, 2021.

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County shall cause the following question to be placed on the ballot of the referendum held as required by this Ordinance:

SALES TAX FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

“Shall a one half cent sales tax be levied to fund law enforcement/fire and public safety facilities and equipment, transportation and drainage improvements, infrastructure projects/public facilities, recreation/natural resources and capital equipment. The tax will be levied for a period of five (5) years.”

_____ **FOR THE ONE HALF CENT SALES TAX**

_____ **AGAINST THE ONE HALF CENT SALES TAX**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - __

AN ORDINANCE OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RENEWING THE CURRENT SIX CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 206 FLORIDA STATUTE; PROVIDING THAT THE RENEWAL SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2016; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 336.025(4)(a); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 336.025(1)(A), Florida Statutes, and other applicable law.

SECTION 2. In 1986 Santa Rosa County adopted the six cent local option gas tax to fund road and bridge operations. Said tax was renewed in 1995 and 2006 for the funding of road and bridge operations. Said tax is imposed upon every gallon of motor fuel sold in Santa Rosa County and taxed under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 206 and 336.025(1)(a).

SECTION 3. The six cent local option gas tax is hereby renewed for a period of ten (10) years commencing on September 1, 2016.

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County specifically reserves the right to repeal this Ordinance, effective December 31, of any year. Therefore, no municipality or other governmental body shall bond their receipts of this tax.

SECTION 4. The proceeds of the tax imposed hereby shall be collected and distributed in and among Santa Rosa County, the City of Milton, the City of Gulf Breeze, and the Town of Jay pursuant to the provisions of Section 336.025(4)(a), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 5. CONFLICT. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, it is the intent of the Board that such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

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SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing of a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Department of State within ten (10) days after enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of ___ yeas and ___ nays and ___ absent of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, on the ___ day of June, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Lane Lynchard, Chairman

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