



# Alachua County Infrastructure Surtax Fact Sheet

- **Ballot Title:**

Wild Spaces Public Places, road repair, fire stations, and affordable housing one percent sales tax

- **Ballot Question:**

Shall Alachua County: acquire and improve lands for conservation, wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreation; operate and maintain parks and recreation facilities; repair roads and improve road safety; construct and renovate fire stations and other public facilities; acquire lands for affordable housing; fund economic development projects pursuant to Florida Statute 212.055(2)(D)(3); provide citizen oversight and independent audit; by levying a one percent sales surtax for ten years starting January 1, 2023?

- It is a 1% (one penny) sales tax levied for ten years.
- While difficult to track, a large percentage of the surtax revenue would come from out-of-town visitors and commuters to Alachua County.
- **If approved by voters:**
  - The surtax will cost the average Alachua County household \$57 per year over what they are currently paying.
  - 50% of surtax revenues will be dedicated to Wild Spaces Public Places projects.
  - 50% of surtax revenues will be dedicated to roads, fire stations (and other public facilities), and affordable housing.
  - Alachua County's focus with the second 50% will be roads and affordable housing.
  - Alachua County will dedicate \$6 million of its revenue for joint projects in the City of Gainesville and \$6 million for joint projects with all nine municipalities.
- Click the following link (or cut and paste it into your browser) to read the enabling ordinance. <https://alachuacounty.us/Depts/Communications/Documents/ADACompliant/SurtaxOrdinance.pdf>

## Alachua County Surtax Estimates

Local Discretionary 1% Sales Surtax Revenue Estimates for FY Ending September 30, 2022			Total 10 Yrs
Local Government	Distribution %	1 YR Estimated Distribution	
Alachua BOCC	56.98%	\$27,983,460	\$279,834,600
Alachua	2.76%	\$1,355,988	\$13,559,880
Archer	0.32%	\$155,932	\$1,559,320
Gainesville	35.45%	\$17,410,774	\$174,107,740
Hawthorne	0.39%	\$189,476	\$1,894,760
High Springs	1.75%	\$861,512	\$8,615,120
La Crosse	0.10%	\$51,157	\$511,570
Micanopy	0.18%	\$86,643	\$866,430
Newberry	1.82%	\$895,703	\$8,957,030
Waldo	0.25%	\$124,072	\$1,240,720
Countywide Total	100%	\$49,114,715	\$491,147,150

*Source: Florida Department of Revenue's Office of Tax Research*