

ECONOMIC/BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX ("LOCAL SALES TAX") IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR HOLDING THE REFERENDUM WITH THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCAL SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATIONS BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC PURPOSE: The purpose of the ordinance is to extend the Charlotte County Local Government Infrastructure Sales Surtax by the Charlotte County voters in a referendum to be held by the Supervisor of Elections in conjunction with the November 3, 2026, General Election.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Cost of Implementation: The referendum will be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2026, General Election. Thus, no additional cost will be incurred. A portion of the sales surtax collected, not exceeding 3%, is retained by the state as costs of administration, so no additional costs are anticipated. There will be operating and maintenance costs associated with some of the projects as the projects are completed.

Source of Fund/Ultimate Burden of Costs: The local government infrastructure tax is an additional 1% on purchases which are already subject to the 6% state sales tax. For example, on a \$100 purchase, the local government infrastructure tax will add \$1 and the State collects \$6 for a total of \$7 combined State and local sales taxes. These costs are borne by residents as well as visitors to Charlotte County.

Benefits on Implementation: The monies collected from this tax will be used for infrastructure as defined by law, including public safety, public infrastructure and utilities, quality of life, and schools.

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