

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on March 3, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. or soon thereafter, at the County Commission Chambers in the Crestview Courthouse, 101 East James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536, will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A COUNTYWIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.5%) ON ALL AUTHORIZED TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING WITHIN OKALOOSA COUNTY, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 212.055(2), FLORIDA STATUTES; EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2029, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS; PROVIDING THAT IMPOSITION OF THE SURTAX SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL AT A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SURTAX REVENUES AMONG THE COUNTY AND THE SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING BALLOT LANGUAGE AND DIRECTING THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO HOLD A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Offices of the County Commission located at Suite 100, Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 and at Suite 302, 302 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, Florida 32536. Those offices can be contacted by telephone at 850-651-7105.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Okaloosa County adheres to the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commission Offices at the above address at least 48 hours in advance of the hearings.