

RESOLUTION 2018-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA ENDORSING THE PROPOSAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 TO ALLOW THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER THE LEVY OF A ONE-HALF CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes (2017), authorizes St Lucie County to impose a local government infrastructure surtax upon transactions occurring within St Lucie County which are taxable under Chapter 212, Florida Statutes (2017);

WHEREAS, funds generated by the local government infrastructure surtax authorized by Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes (2017), could be utilized by the County and municipalities, including the Town of St. Lucie Village (the "Town"), to finance, construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair and improve public infrastructure including long term capital maintenance and useful life extension of public infrastructure projects such as new and improved sidewalks near schools, roadway improvements including expansion and major resurfacing, reducing traffic congestion, local flood control and improving water quality and such other similar uses authorized under Florida law for the use and benefit of the citizens of the Town;

WHEREAS, a sales tax is levied on all sales to non-residents and residents alike within St. Lucie County and, a significant portion of the infrastructure surtax will be paid by non-permanent residents such as short term and seasonal visitors ("Non-Permanent Residents"). It is estimated that 15-20% of all surtax revenue in St. Lucie County is paid by Non-Permanent Residents;

WHEREAS, this is fair and equitable as Non-Permanent Residents contribute significantly to road congestion and wear and tear on roadways and other public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, since such infrastructure projects have a long useful life and funding would be costly to the current citizens of the Town, it is fair and equitable that the current and future Non-Permanent Residents who will also benefit from such infrastructure improvements share in the cost of these projects;

WHEREAS, the infrastructure surtax will allow the Town to use current fiscal and monetary resources for other existing and needed municipal services;

WHEREAS, the revenue generated by the infrastructure surtax will be allocated pursuant to State law guaranteeing the Town and other municipalities a specified share of the revenue generated by this tax;

WHEREAS, the revenue generated by the infrastructure surtax can be used for matching state and federal funds to generate significantly more funding for infrastructure projects in the Town;

WHEREAS, adequate public infrastructure facilities of the types hereinabove described promote the safe, efficient, and uninterrupted provision of numerous general and essential public services provided by the County, the Town, and other municipalities, including but not limited to roadways, flood control, pedestrian safety and water quality;

WHEREAS, the Town will consider a citizens' oversight committee to routinely review projects funded by the infrastructure surtax that will issue reports to the Town to insure transparency and to provide the citizens of the Town with the assurance that funds are being spent in the manner approved by the voters;

WHEREAS, Florida Law requires voter approval in a county wide referendum election prior to imposition of the local government infrastructure surtax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF ST.
LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, THAT

Section 1. The above provisions are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. St. Lucie Village hereby endorses the proposal that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida adopt an ordinance calling for a referendum at the 2018 General Election held on November 6, 2018 to allow the electors of the County to consider whether there should be levied a one-half cent infrastructure surtax for 10 years.

Section 3. St. Lucie Village hereby suggests that the Board of County Commissioners consider utilizing the following, or similar, ballot summary language in the ordinance adopted by the Board:

To provide for projects to improve local roads, reduce traffic congestion, expand and improve parks, improve local water quality, reduce neighborhood flooding and similar uses under Florida laws and to seek matching funds for these purposes, shall St. Lucie County levy a half-cent sales tax, for ten years, with expenditures subject to review by an independent citizens committee to ensure that all dollars are spent fairly throughout the cities and entire County?

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

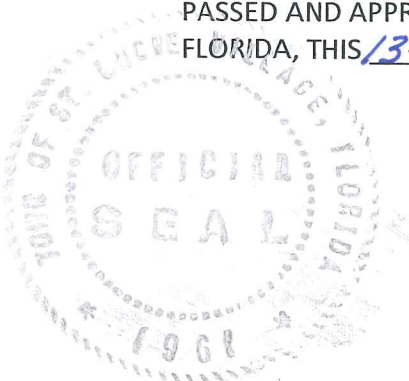
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2018.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk



I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution **2018-2** which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 13th day of March, 2018.



DIANE C. ORME, CLERK