

**SNEADS TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL/ PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Sneads, Florida, met in a special/ public session at the Sneads Town Hall on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 5:01 p.m.

Mike Weeks called the meeting to order with the following present:

Mike Weeks, Donovan Weeks, George Alexander,
Angela Locke and Anthony Money; Council Members
Daniel Cox, Attorney
Lee Garner, Town Manager
Mike Miller, Police Chief
Sherri Griffin, City Clerk
Danielle Guy, Deputy Clerk

And the following were absent:

None

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Donovan Weeks made a motion to approve the **August** minutes as presented. George Alexander seconded. All voted aye.

Sherri Griffin, City Clerk presented Financial Statements and Budget Review Summary. (See Attached) George Alexander made a motion to accept them as presented. Tony Money seconded. All voted aye.

Donovan Weeks made a motion to pay approved bills. Tony Money seconded. All voted aye.

Resolution #22-06 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA;
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES (2.5883) FOR
THE TOWN OF SNEADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AND PROVIDING AND
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

was read and presented by Attorney, Dan Cox for the first reading. Tony Money made a motion to accept Resolution #22-06 as presented. George Alexander seconded. All voted aye.

Resolution #22-07 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA;
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET (\$3,332,997) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-
2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

was read and presented by Attorney, Dan Cox for the first reading. Donovan Weeks made a motion to accept Resolution #22-07 as presented. George Alexander seconded. All voted aye.

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Mr Garner reminded Council that the next public meeting would be September 28th at 5:01pm.

Council reconvened in regular session at 5:09pm.

Mr Garner informed Council about the Municipal Law Enforcement Agency Budget Appeal Process. (See Attached) This law states that if any municipal agency decreases the law enforcement budget, then the State can defund them.

Mr Garner informed Council that he was appointed as a member of the Municipal Administration Committee with the Florida League of Cities. (See Attached)

Mr Garner stated that he received the Waste Pro CPI adjustment in the amount of 7.03%. (See Attached) He stated he had put an increase of 6% in the budget, and that we should be able to get through the year without an increase. However, he wanted to reserve the ability to look at it again mid-year.

Ordinance #2022-02 entitled;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCE 2015-01, TO PERMIT CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE DRINK AT DULY LICENSED BUSINESSES DURING THE TIMES AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

was presented and read for the final reading. Donovan Weeks made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2022-02, as read for final reading. George Alexander seconded. All voted aye.

No one from Recreation was available to attend tonight. Mr Garner informed Council that Allen Sports donated sports equipment to the Town since they were going out of business. He does not know what all it is but will have the recreation crew going through it.

Mr Garner presented his Managers Report. (See attached)

- Mr Garner stated that the Fire Dept had recently responded to a fire that involved solar panels, which could have ended very badly. With more citizens getting solar panels, fire depts are needing more training and firefighter safety involving solar panels and our fire dept would be getting the proper training needed.
- Mr Garner stated that he would be attending a workshop in Crestview September 30th on Opioid / Drug Training.
- There will be a Revival September 19th -23rd at Sneads Park.
- There are three amendments on the November ballot (See Attached)
- Senator Rubio is introducing new legislation to make the grant process easier for small local governments.
- Whittington Property= Mr Cox stated that it needed to have topographic and a boundary survey. Mr Cox stated that he thought we could get both done for \$7500 or less. After discussion, George Alexander made a motion to go ahead and have the surveys done, not exceeding \$7500. Tony Money seconded. All voted aye.

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- Mr Garner informed Council that outgoing Commissioner Hill, stated the County had ARPA Funds left over for this district that needed to be spent on equipment/ vehicles. Mr Cox informed Council we would have to form a 501c in order to have them release the funds to the Fire Dept. Mr Alexander asked if any of these vehicles included a boat, because he did not think it was something that the town needed or could keep up. He stated that before any decisions on the items being purchased were made that a special meeting be held so that Council and the public could be included.
- Homecoming Parade- Friday, September 23rd lineup is 1pm and start time is 2:15pm
- Halloween- Monday, October 31st 5-8pm
- Deputy Clerk going to Clerks Conference in Orlando October 9th -14th.
- Survey men going door to door collecting information for Town in order for to apply for more grants. We ask citizens to respond to the questions.

George Alexander made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Danielle Guy, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

MIKE WEEKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Regular Meeting
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Budget Summary

GENERAL FUND

AUGUST-Revenues are slightly over budgeted amount. ARPA Funds received this month in the amount of \$445,509.00.

Expenditures are 23.70% **below** budgeted amount.

GAS TAX

AUGUST- Gas Tax County is 6.97% **above** budgeted amount. Local Option Gas Tax is 11.93% **below** budgeted amount.

Expenditures are 24.83 **below** budgeted amount.

SOLID WASTE

AUGUST-Garbage revenues are 9.67% **above** budgeted amount.

Expenditures are 10.33% **below** budgeted amount.

WATER & SEWER

AUGUST-Sewer Special is 25.33% **below** budgeted amount. ACI Sewer is 9.43% **below** budgeted amount. Water Sales and Sewer Sales are in line with budgeted amount.

Expenditures are **above** budgeted amount.

RECREATION FUND

JULY- Signup fees are above budgeted amount. No expenditures for this month.

AUGUST-Waiting on bank statement to post signup fees. No expenditures.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF SNEADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Sneads of Jackson County, Florida, on September 15, 2022, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by § 200.065, FLA. STAT. (2019); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Sneads of Jackson County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by § 200.065, FLA. STAT. (2019); and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Jackson County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Town of Sneads as **\$39,368,967**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The FY 2022-2023 tentative operating millage rate is 2.5883 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.5883 mills. Percent change over rolled back rate is 5.19%.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Sneads, Florida, this ___ day of September, 2022.

APPROVED:

MIKE WEEKS
President, Town Council

ATTEST:

SHERRI GRIFFIN
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Sneads of Jackson County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by § 200.065, FLA. STAT. (2019); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Sneads of Jackson County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget Fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of **\$3,332,997.00**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is adopted.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Sneads, Florida, this ___ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED:

MIKE WEEKS,
President, Town Council

ATTEST:

SHERRI GRIFFIN
Town Clerk

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OFFICE OF POLICY AND BUDGET
THE CAPITOL, ROOM 1802
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001
850/717-9513

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeannie Garner, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities

FROM: Chris Spencer, Secretary *CMS*
Administration Commission

SUBJECT: Municipal Law Enforcement Agency Budget Appeal Process

DATE: August 15, 2022

Consistent with provisions of Section 166.241, Florida Statutes, the Administration Commission adopted Rule Chapter 28-42, FAC, to create a system by which a municipal law enforcement agency may take an appeal from a municipal budget process which results in an alleged reduction to the operating budget of the agency. The rules in Chapter 28-42, FAC, provide the manner in which appeals are to be filed; forms required; the internal review, analysis, and processing of appeals; budget hearings; and final consideration by the Administration Commission. As noted in the rules, appeals should be submitted to the Secretary of the Administration Commission at: AC.Clerk@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US. To assist you in providing the rule materials to interested municipalities, attached is a copy of Rule Chapter 28-42, FAC, Municipal Law Enforcement Agency Budget Appeal Process.

NOTE: With regard to completing any required forms related to the appeal process, the forms currently in Rule 28-42, FAC, will need to be electronically revised by a party or filer to update the fiscal year headings to reflect the appropriate fiscal year references when inputting pertinent data.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Leighty at (850) 717-9513.

Attachment

CHAPTER 28-42
MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BUDGET APPEAL PROCESS

28-42.001	Scope and Applicability of Chapter
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28-42.001 Scope and Applicability of Chapter.

The rules in this Chapter 28-42, F.A.C., shall govern the receipt and disposition of all municipal law enforcement agency budget appeals under Section 166.241 F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.002 Time Periods.

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules the time period shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 28-106.103, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.003 Filing Documents.

All documents, including the initial petition, shall be filed electronically.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.004 Initiation of an Appeal.

(1) Parties. The Petitioner shall be either the state attorney for the judicial circuit in which the municipality is located or a member of the governing body of the municipality who objects to the funding reduction. The Respondent shall be the governing body of the municipality.

(2) Filing the Petition. When a Petitioner files an appeal, he or she shall do so by completing Form AC-MLEBA 001, Petition Packet, and filing electronically with the Administration Commission. Form AC-MLEBA 001 is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13346>. Copies of the form are available by contacting the Clerk of the Administration Commission at Office of the Governor, Room 1802, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001. The effective date of the form is 09/2021. The Petitioner shall direct the petition to the Secretary of the Administration Commission within the Executive Office of the Governor and shall serve a copy of the petition on the governing body of the municipality or the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the municipality is located.

(3) Filing a Response. The Respondent may file a response electronically within five working days after service. The response must set forth the budget requested by the municipal law enforcement agency, if a request was submitted, and the budget approved by the governing body, and must list the specific reductions the governing body made to the law enforcement agency's operating budget. The response must also fully address the reasons or grounds for the appeal stated by the Petitioner. The Respondent should direct the response to the Secretary of the Administration Commission within the Executive Office of the Governor.

(4) The Secretary of the Administration Commission and his or her staff may request additional budgetary information from the current fiscal year and the two previous fiscal years including draft budgets, budget amendments, or budget meeting minutes.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.005 Executive Office of the Governor Procedures Upon Receipt of an Appeal.

(1) Receipt. Upon receipt of an appeal, the case will be assigned to staff in the Executive Office of the Governor.

(2) Transmittal of Appeal Petition to Respondent. After serving the petition on the Respondent, the Petitioner shall submit Form AC-MLEBA 002, Certificate of Service, to the Secretary of the Administration Commission. Form AC-MLEBA 002 is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.aspx?No=Ref-13347>. Copies of the form are available by contacting the Clerk of the Administration Commission at Office of the Governor, Room 1802, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001. The effective date of this form is 09/2021.

(3) Upon receipt of a response or when the time for filing a response has expired, the Secretary of the Administration Commission shall send to the Petitioner and Respondent an electronic acknowledgment of receipt of the appeal and shall provide contact information for the assigned staff.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.006 Withdrawal of Appeals.

After an appeal has been filed with the Commission, Petitioner has the right to withdraw the appeal any time before the hearing with the Administration Commission. Withdrawal shall be requested through an electronic filing signed by the Petitioner. After receiving the request for withdrawal, the Secretary shall enter an order dismissing the appeal.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.007 Budget Analysis.

(1) Scope of Analysis. Analyses shall be limited to the issues of the appeal, but shall include: (a) a comparison of the municipal law enforcement agency's data and staffing for the year in question compared to previous years; and (b) a comparison of the municipal law enforcement agency's budget to other entities' budgets within the municipality.

(2) Comparison to Other Fiscal Years. The assigned staff shall determine whether the governing body of the municipality reduced the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency. The staff shall compare law enforcement data and staffing for the two previous years and shall compare this data to the year at issue.

(3) Comparison with Other Entities' Budgets. The assigned staff shall determine whether the governing body of the municipality disproportionately reduced the budget of the municipal law enforcement agency as compared to other entities included in the municipal budget. The staff shall compare budget data from two previous years as well as the year being appealed and compare this data to data from other entities within the municipality.

(4) Factual Disputes. Factual disputes that arise during the appeal process will be resolved by the Administration Commission.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

28-42.008 Budget Hearing.

(1) Notice. After receiving all of the required information from the parties, the assigned staff shall prepare a Memorandum for the Petitioner and Respondent which includes: (a) the date and location of the budget hearing; and (b) a summary of the individual issues under appeal. Additionally, the staff will notice the hearing in the Florida Administrative Register at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

(2) Panel. The budget hearing panel shall consist of three staff members from the Executive Office of the Governor. Additionally, each of the Cabinet offices may send a representative to sit on the panel.

(3) Format. Each party shall have an opportunity to present its case and an opportunity for rebuttal. There shall also be a time for the panel to ask questions.

(4) Reports. After the hearing, the Secretary of the Administration Commission shall compile a report with the panel's findings and recommendations and submit it to the members of the Administration Commission.

(5) Waiver of Hearing. The parties may waive the budget hearing by each signing and filing electronically with the Secretary of the Administration Commission Form AC-MLEBA 003, Waiver of Budget Hearing. Form AC-MLEBA 003 is hereby incorporated by reference, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.aspx?No=Ref-13349>. Copies of the form are available by contacting the Clerk of the Administration Commission at Office of the Governor, Room 1802, The Capitol, and Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001. The effective date of this form is 09/2021. The parties must agree to waive the hearing. If the parties waive the hearing, the budget hearing panel shall base its findings and recommendations on the pleadings. The Secretary of the Administration

Commission shall compile a report and submit it to the members of the Administration Commission.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History -New 8-8-21.

28-42.009 Administration Commission Hearing and Final Order.

(1) Notice. After the budget hearing, the assigned staff shall request a date from the Clerk of the Administration Commission for the appeal to be placed on the Administration Commission agenda within 30 days of the Commission receiving the budget panel hearing report from the Secretary. The staff shall send electronically a letter to the Petitioner and Respondent outlining the panel's recommendations, the date, time, and location of the meeting of the Administration Commission, and the format for the meeting. The staff shall submit to the Clerk of the Administration Commission an agenda item summary.

(2) Format. Each party shall have an opportunity to present its case and an opportunity for rebuttal. There shall also be a time for the Commission to ask questions.

(3) Disposition and Final Order. Before the close of the hearing, the Administration Commission shall decide the appeal in accordance with Section 166.241(5), F.S. After the hearing, the Secretary of the Administration Commission shall prepare a final order which incorporates the disposition of the Commission. The Secretary shall send the final order to the Clerk of the Administration Commission for final rendering and shall serve a copy of the order on the parties.

Rulemaking Authority 14.202, 166.241(4)-(5) FS. Law Implemented 166.241(4)-(5) FS. History—New 8-8-21.

August 22, 2022

Lee Garner
Town Manager, Town of Sneads
2028 Third Ave
Sneads, FL 32460-2717

Dear Lee:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a member of the 2022-2023 Municipal Administration Committee. Your responsibility will be to work with the other committee members to discuss the many issues facing our cities that will come before the Legislature during the 2023 Session and decide upon a policy direction for the Florida League of Cities' legislative efforts. Based upon this past legislative session, we certainly have a great deal of work ahead.

The ultimate success of these efforts is proportional to the level of involvement of the membership in presenting and lobbying the League's priorities to the Legislature. The officers and Board of Directors of the League appreciate your willingness to serve, and we ask that you commit your time and energies to this endeavor.

2022-2023 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Dates

- September 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746. The hotel room block is full.
- October 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746. The hotel room block cut-off date is September 15.
- December 1, 2022, during the FLC Legislative Conference at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746. The League will provide hotel room block information at a later date.

Should you have any questions regarding your appointment, the policy development process or hotel accommodations, please contact Mary Edenfield at the League office 850.701.3624 or medenfield@flcities.com. Again, thank you for your commitment to the League. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jolien Caraballo, President
Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie

Waste Pro of Sneads - CPI

10/2022-9/2023

CPI Calculation

Index	Index	Change	Percent	CPI	CPI %
<u>Dec-20</u>	<u>Dec-21</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Increase</u>
254.081	273.925	19.84	7.81%	90%	7.03%
					7.03%

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SNEADS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, CODE OF ORDINANCES and ORDINANCE 2015-01, TO PERMIT CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE DRINK AT DULY LICENSED BUSINESSES DURING THE TIMES AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED, PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL

Section 1 – Definitions

“Alcoholic Beverages” means distilled spirits and all beverages containing one-half of 1 percent or more alcohol by volume.

“Wine” means all beverages made from fresh fruits, berries, or grapes, either by natural fermentation or by natural fermentation with brandy added, in the manner required by the laws and regulations of the United States, and includes all sparkling wines, champagnes, combination of the aforesaid beverages, sake, vermouths, and like projects. Sugar, flavors, and may be added to wine to make it conform to the consumer’s taste, except that the ultimate flavor or the color of the product may not be altered to imitate a beverage other than wine or to change the character of the wine.

“Fortified Wine” means all wines containing more than 17.259 percent of alcohol by volume.

ARTICLE II. REGULATIONS

Section 2 – Hours of sale of alcoholic beverages

Alcoholic beverages (which includes beer and wine) may be sold within the town limits of the Town of Sneads seven days a week (Sunday through Saturday) except between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM.

Section 3 – Hours of sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages by the drink

Alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption in a place of business, holding a license under the State Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco seven days a week (Sunday through Saturday) except between the hours of 1:AM and 7:00 AM.

Section 4.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drink any alcoholic beverage upon the Streets or in any public place, or at any place where the public is invited or may frequent during the hours

mentioned in Sec. 2 hereof during which the sale of alcoholic beverages mentioned in Sec. 1 hereof are prohibited.

Section 5.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or in the case of a corporation, the officers, agents, and employees thereof, to sell, give, serve, or permit to be served, alcoholic beverages, to person under twenty-one (21) years of age, with the Town of Sneads, Florida.

Section 6.

It shall be unlawful for any person to misrepresent or misstate his or her age or the age of any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee, his agent's, or employees, to serve, sell, give, or deliver any alcoholic beverages to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

Section 7. Prohibition

It shall be unlawful in the Town of Sneads, Florida, for any person, firm or corporation in an establishment licensed under the Beverage Laws of the State of Florida to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, as authorized by F.S. 562.45(2)(b), to make, cause, or allow the making of any live or recorded, amplified or non-amplified music which is plainly audible from a distance of thirty (30) or more when measured from the exterior walls of such establishment.

Section 8 – Distance of licensed business from Churches and Schools

No business licensed by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to sell packaged alcoholic beverages for consumption by the drink shall be allowed to conduct business in a location that is less than five-hundred (500) feet from an established church or school, which distance public thoroughfare from the main entrance of the place of business to the main entrance of the church and, in the case of a school, to the nearest point of the school grounds in use as part of the school facilities, within the town limits of the Town of Sneads.

Section 9 – Current distances Grandfathered in

Any business holding a license as stated above at the time of adoption of this ordinance that may be five hundred (500) feet or less from an established church or school shall be grandfathered in and all rules and regulations other than distance shall apply.

Section 10 – Future placement of Churches and Schools

No church or school may request placement that will infringe upon the five hundred (500) feet distance of an already established place of business licensed to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages of any type.

This ordinance was read for the first reading on August 9, 2022.

This ordinance was read for the second and final reading on _____ September 2022

Passed and adopted by a vote of ____ Yea and ____ Nea this _____ Day of September 2022 to become effective on he first of the month following adoption.

SO ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

SHERRI GRIFFIN, TOWN CLERK

MIKE WEEKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Town of Sneads

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September 14, 2022

MEMO TO: Council President and Council Members

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report to Council – September 2022

1. The first thing on the agenda for Thursday, September 15th will be approval of first reading of resolutions approving the budget for FY 2022-2023. A copy of the budget recap is attached. After this action we will go into regular council meeting.
2. The first action/discussion item on the regular agenda will be discussion of the newly adopted municipal law enforcement agency budget appeal process, recently adopted by the State of Florida, when a municipality attempts to reduce the operating budget of a municipal police department (defund the police). Correspondence attached.
3. I have been re-appointed to the Municipal Administration Policy Committee of Florida League of Cities. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.
4. Announce CPI increase from Waste Management for Garbage Collection as authorized under our agreement of 7.03%. I included 6.0% in our budget, and we will look at the end of six (6) months if we need to increase our garbage fees to ensure we have adequate funds to cover this for next budget year expenses.
5. Next on the agenda will be second and final reading of Ordinance # 2022-02 – Alcoholic Beverages
6. In view of the dangerous situation that occurred a couple of weeks ago with a fire around solar panels in Marianna, and the possibility of electrocution, I have searched the entire southeast for training programs regarding responding to fires at solar farms. After doing a little research, I have found that this is a bigger problem nationwide and the Florida Fire Chiefs Association is addressing this, but in the meantime, we will have some local training with other fire departments regarding some of the dangers involved in this recent technology. We want to do everything we can to ensure the safety of our first responders.
7. With all the incidents of opioid and drug problems in the State, the City of Crestview is conducting a seminar on September 30th regarding this subject as part of our NWFLC training, and I have signed up to attend.
8. The East Jackson County Ministerial Association will conduct a fall revival all next week at Sneads Park, with various ministers speaking each night. All are invited to attend. It starts at 6 PM nightly.

9. I have provided you with some educational material regarding amendments that will be on the ballot in November and have attached a guide furnished by the James Madison Institute.
10. I have attached an email from Senator Rubio and others requesting legislation be approved to make the grant process for smaller units of government to be made easier. As I am sure, all of you know, the grant process is a monster in most cases and anything that would make it more user friendly and helpful for small local governments would certainly be welcome.
11. I am attaching articles that have come across my desk that I think you might like to look at for information.
12. Since I was unable to take my vacation last Christmas to Denver due to COVID, I have made travel arrangements for the week of October 17th to be on vacation.


ELMON LEE GARNER
TOWN MANAGER

Cc: Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Town Attorney

2022 FLORIDA AMENDMENT GUIDE



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OUTLINE OF FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (2022)

Florida's constitutional history is unique. In less than two centuries, Florida has had six different constitutions. Our current constitution, ratified in 1968, has been amended 144 times—most recently in 2020.

Florida also boasts the greatest number of ways to amend its constitution out of any other state. There are five ways to get a proposed amendment on the statewide ballot:

(1) joint resolution by the Florida Legislature; (2) Florida Constitution Revision Commission; (3) Citizens' Initiative; (4) Constitutional Convention; and (5) Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission.

Fortunately, proposed amendments are required to be clear and straightforward. For the 2022 election cycle, there are just three amendments on the ballot for consideration, all of which are joint resolutions from the Florida Legislature. Per constitutional requirements, each of the proposed amendments concern a single subject.

It is our pleasure to provide this 2022 Amendment Guide. We hope it is of value to Florida voters as they evaluate each of the three constitutional amendments that will be presented to them on their ballot. Each amendment is unique and should be considered seriously. Repealing any amendment that has passed would require a new ballot initiative garnering 60 percent of the vote in a subsequent election.

As always, the mission of The James Madison Institute is to inform citizens so that, together, we may chart the course of making Florida an even more prosperous state. It is in that context that we offer this analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Culminating on election day, November 8, 2022, more than 10 million Floridians will cast their votes. In addition to electing a governor, a lieutenant governor, 28 members of Congress, 120 members of the State House and 40 of the 40-member Florida Senate, the ballot tasks Floridians with voting on three proposed constitutional amendments. Constitutional initiatives play a pivotal role in the governance of the State, and thus warrant careful consideration.

For this election, the three proposed constitutional amendments on the November ballot all originate from one source: the Florida Legislature. Regardless of how a measure makes it to the ballot, all amendments require a 60 percent voting majority to pass. Additionally, each source establishes different hurdles before an amendment can reach the ballot. For a legislatively referred proposed amendment, 60 percent of both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate must agree to put the proposed amendment on the ballot. This is called a joint resolution.

As voters and engaged citizens of Florida, it is our civic duty to responsibly educate ourselves on important changes to the Florida Constitution. On the pages that follow, readers can find an analysis of each ballot initiative.

TYPE	TITLE	SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION
Legislatively- Referred	Amendment 1	Taxes	Prohibits flood resistance improvements to a home from being considered when determining the property's assessed value for property taxes
Legislatively- Referred	Amendment 2	Direct Democracy	Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission
Legislatively- Referred	Amendment 3	Taxes	Providing additional Homestead Property Tax exemption for certain public service workers

AMENDMENT 1

Limitation on the Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes

Ballot Language: “Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2023, to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to real property used for residential purposes to improve the property’s resistance to flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes.”

How the Amendment Reached the Ballot:

Florida State Legislature

What Your Vote Means:

- 👍 A **YES** vote on this amendment: Authorizes the Florida State Legislature to pass laws prohibiting flood resistance improvements to residential property from being considered when determining that residential property’s assessed value for property taxes.
- 👎 A **NO** vote on this amendment: Permits flood resistance improvements to residential property to continue to be considered when determining that residential property’s assessed value for property taxes.

Pros: Florida is uniquely at risk of flooding and sea level rise. Supporters of this amendment argue that it will not only protect homeowners who take proactive measures to protect their property from flooding, but it will also reward and incentivize them to do so. This bipartisan amendment received 98.33% approval in the Florida House of Representatives and 100% approval in the Florida State Senate in 2021.

Cons: Opponents would argue that prohibiting these improvements from being considered in the assessed value for property taxes would ultimately reduce the amount of ad valorem taxes that could be collected to fund services by local governments. This reduction is minimal but should be noted.

Constitutional Merit: This measure is not a reform that can be addressed by the State Legislature and thus requires a constitutional ballot initiative in order to be implemented.

In Sum: While the passage of this amendment would incentivize homeowners to protect their property against flood damage by giving them a tax break, it would also minimally reduce the amount of ad valorem taxes available to fund local governments. A YES vote would authorize the Florida Legislature to enact laws prohibiting flood resistance improvements to residential property from being considered when determining the assessed value for property taxes. A NO vote would continue to allow flood resistance improvements to residential property to be considered when determining the assessed value for property taxes.

AMENDMENT 2

Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission

Ballot Language: “Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets at 20-year intervals and is scheduled to next convene in 2037, as a method of submitting proposed amendments or revisions to the State Constitution to electors of the state for approval. This amendment does not affect the ability to revise or amend the State Constitution through citizen initiative, constitutional convention, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or legislative joint resolution.”

How the Amendment Reached the Ballot: Florida State Legislature

What Your Vote Means:

👍 A **YES** vote on this amendment: Supports abolishing the Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). The CRC meets every 20 years to propose changes to the state’s constitution and refer them to the statewide ballot for voter approval or rejection.

👎 A **NO** vote on this amendment: Opposes abolishing the Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).

Pros: The CRC is a 37-member commission provided for in the Florida constitution that sets its own rules and procedures. Florida is the only state with a commission that can refer constitutional amendments to the ballot for voter approval or denial. In 2018, seven out of eight amendments referred to the ballot by the CRC were the subject of lawsuits alleging that the amendments were unconstitutionally composed of multiple subjects or contained inaccurate or misleading language. Supporters of this amendment contend that abolishing the CRC is necessary to protect Florida voters from multiple subject or vague amendments proposed by ill-experienced members.

Cons: Opponents of this amendment argue that lawmakers should improve the CRC by tightening its procedures and required qualifications for its members instead of abolishing the commission entirely.

They believe that the commission provides an important vehicle for constituents' voices to be heard.

Constitutional Merit: This measure is not a reform that can be addressed by the State Legislature and thus requires a constitutional ballot initiative in order to be implemented.

In Sum: While the passage of this amendment may protect Florida voters from multiple subject or vague amendments, it would also remove one of five ways to amend the Florida constitution. A YES vote would abolish the CRC, while a NO vote would keep the CRC and its authority in place.


AMENDMENT 3


Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce

Ballot Language: “Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption for non-school levies of up to \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and Florida National Guard members. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2023.”

How the Amendment Reached the Ballot: Florida State Legislature

What Your Vote Means:

 A **YES** vote on this amendment: Authorizes the Florida Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption of \$50,000 of assessed value on property owned by certain public service workers, including teachers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, active duty members of the military and Florida National Guard, and child welfare service employees.

 A **NO** vote on this amendment: Opposes authorizing the Florida Legislature to provide an additional homestead tax exemption on \$50,000 of assessed value on property owned by certain public service workers.

Pros: Every primary residence in Florida is eligible for a homestead tax exemption of \$25,000. An additional homestead tax exemption of \$25,000 is available on the property’s value between \$50,000 and \$75,000, bringing the total possible homestead tax exemption for all primary residences in Florida to \$50,000. This amendment would authorize an additional homestead property tax exemption of \$50,000

on the property's value between \$100,000 and \$150,000 only for primary residences owned by qualifying public service workers.

Supporters of this measure contend that, given the increased home values and property taxes, critical public service workers deserve a tax break. They argue that because these specific categories of public service workers sacrifice much to protect our state, we should help ensure they can afford to keep their homes. This amendment is consistent with the House's commitment to affordable housing.

Cons: The Revenue Estimating Conference estimated that approval of the amendment would reduce local property tax revenue (except school district tax revenue) by \$85.9 million beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Therefore, opponents of this measure argue that the exemption would greatly jeopardize the funds available for local government services, while not guaranteeing that public service workers can even purchase homes, much less afford to keep them. In addition, some would contend that this amendment would be a case of creating tax policy that favors specific groups over others. Rather than provide an additional exemption to select public service workers, Florida should look to lower property tax rates for all homestead property.

Constitutional Merit: This measure is not a reform that can be addressed by the State Legislature and thus requires a constitutional ballot initiative in order to be implemented.

In Sum: While this amendment would give an additional homestead tax exemption to much-deserving, qualified public service workers, it would also greatly reduce the local property tax revenue available to fund local governments. A YES vote would authorize the Florida Legislature to implement this tax exemption. A NO vote would keep the homestead tax exemptions the same.

