

ROADS

BRIDGES

FEWER

**STORMWATER
SYSTEMS**

**CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Understanding the November Property Tax Amendment

The Impacts You Won't See on the Ballot

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS & ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS



Save Our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes

That's what the ballot says. But what does it mean in practice?

Reduces Local Revenues

No Replacement Funding

Same Responsibilities

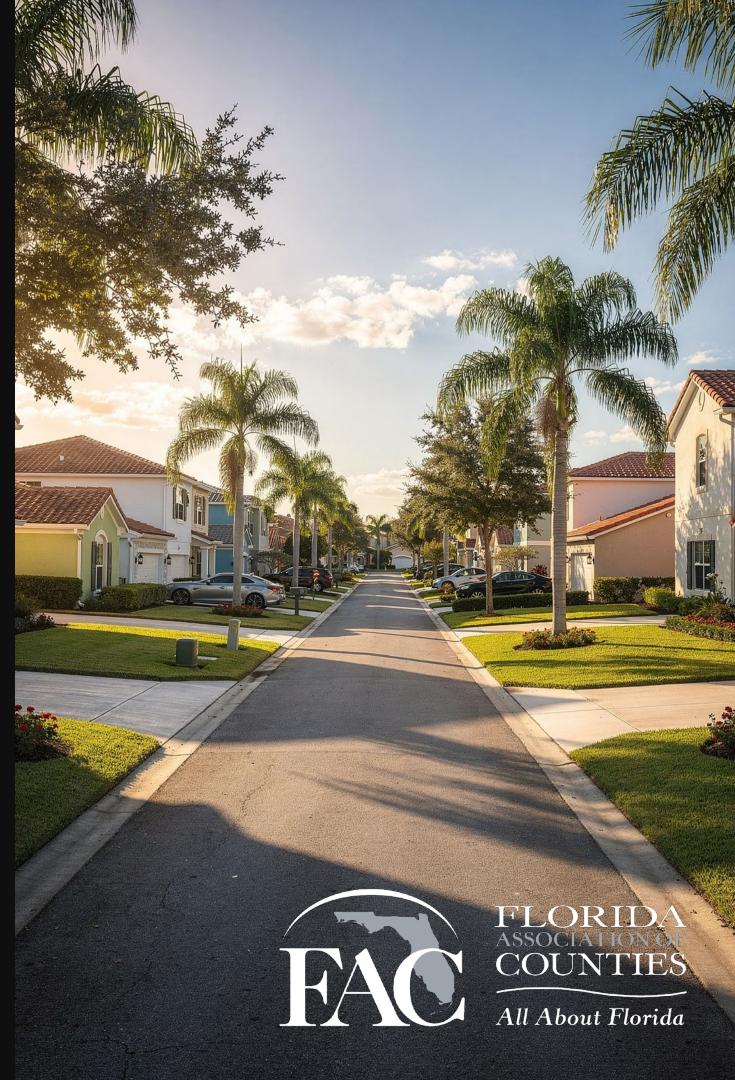
What the Amendment Does

Bigger Homestead Exemption

Slower Growth on Non-Homestead Property

Five-Year Residency Requirement

No Replacement Revenue



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The Math, Statewide

The numbers are stark —and they grow rapidly as the amendment takes full effect.

\$2.7B

Year One Loss

Projected county revenue reduction
in the first year alone.

\$5B

Year Two Loss

Revenue loss nearly doubles as the
full impact compounds.



Florida's population continues growing —demand for infrastructure and services is not shrinking alongside the revenue.

Infrastructure Doesn't Wait

County governments are responsible for the systems residents depend on every single day. These obligations don't pause for budget shortfalls.



Roads & Bridges

Thousands of lane-miles requiring ongoing maintenance and repair.



Drainage & Stormwater

Critical systems that protect homes and businesses from flooding.



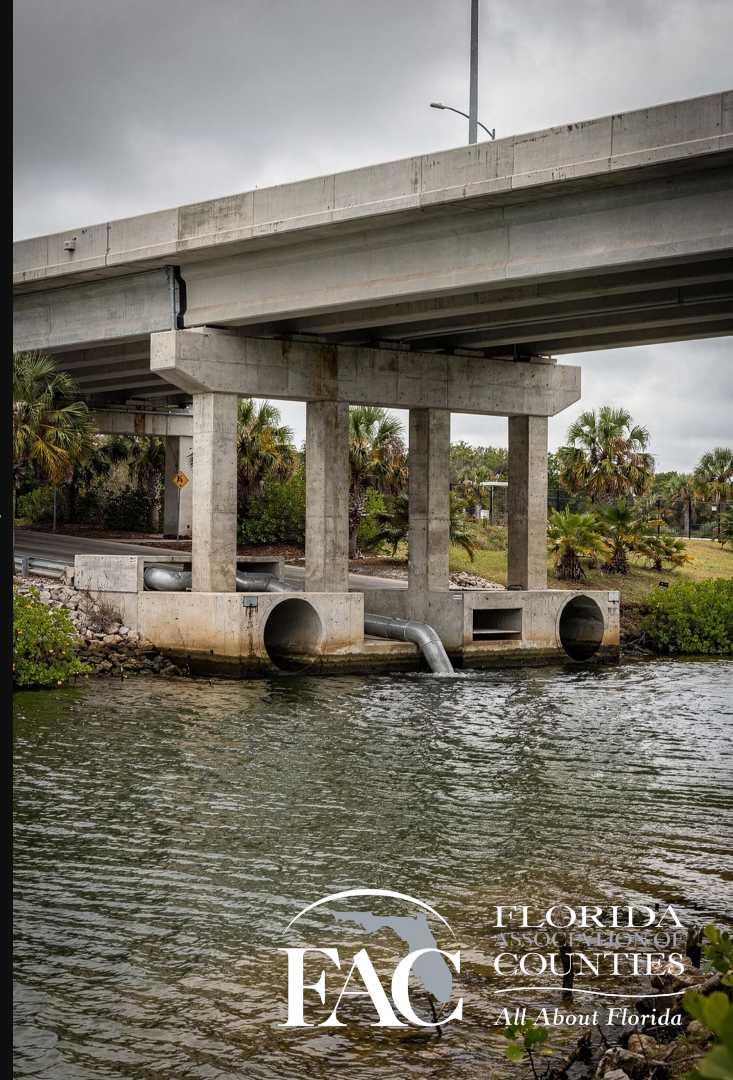
Traffic Signals & Sidewalks

Safety infrastructure serving drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.



Fleet Equipment

Heavy machinery essential for emergency response and routine operations.



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What That Cut Looks Like Not Collapse. Delay.

The damage from revenue cuts is gradual —but it accumulates. Here's what deferred investment looks like on the ground:

→ Resurfacing Cycles Extended
Roads go longer between repaving, accelerating deterioration.

→ Equipment Replacement Postponed
Aging fleet increases breakdown risk and maintenance costs.

→ Stormwater Projects Deferred
Critical repairs pushed back, raising long-term costs and risk.

→ Staffing Vacancies Left Open
Fewer workers to maintain the same miles of road and infrastructure.

A Tax Shift, Not a Cost Elimination

The costs remain. Cutting property tax revenue doesn't make infrastructure needs disappear — it simply changes who pays, when, and how.



Deferred Maintenance



More Debt



User Fees



State Dependence



Higher Future Costs



Prevention always costs less than repair. Deferring maintenance today guarantees higher bills tomorrow.

Who Pays?

When county revenues fall and costs are deferred or shifted, the burden doesn't disappear — it lands on real people across Florida.



Local Accountability

County governments are directly accountable to the communities they serve. Local elected officials set local priorities —and local residents can hold them responsible.

Local Priorities

Communities decide what matters most to them.

Local Roads

Maintained by the people who know them best.

Local Drainage

Designed for the specific needs of each community.

Local Solutions

Flexible responses that Tallahassee cannot provide.



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Services Won't Disappear — They'll Be Deferred

The impact of reduced funding is invisible at first. But over time, the signs of neglect become impossible to ignore.

Resurfacing Cycles Lengthen

Roads go years longer without repaving.

Equipment Ages

Fleet reliability declines, costs rise.



Culvert Replacements Postponed

Aging drainage infrastructure left in place.

Pavement Conditions Worsen

Potholes and rough roads become the norm.

Secondary Impacts

The effects you don't see immediately —but that compound over time into serious public safety and economic consequences.



Flooding & Safety

Deferred stormwater projects increase flood risk and compromise emergency access.



Congestion

Delayed road improvements worsen traffic and reduce mobility for residents and commerce.



Economic Development

Poor infrastructure raises construction costs and deters business investment in Florida communities.

Resilience Matters

Florida faces compounding pressures that demand *more* infrastructure investment, not less. Cutting county revenue now undermines the state's ability to respond to its greatest challenges.

Hurricanes & Flooding

Roads & drainage are life-safety systems during storm events.

Sea-Level Rise

Coastal counties face growing infrastructure adaptation costs.

Population Growth

More residents mean greater demand on every county system.

Emergency Response

Aging infrastructure slows response times when seconds matter most.



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Local Control

Who decides priorities? This amendment shifts fiscal power away from local communities — reducing the resources that locally elected officials control and depend on to serve their constituents.

Tallahassee?

State-level decisions made far from the roads, bridges, and neighborhoods they affect.

Local Communities?

Elected county officials accountable directly to the residents they serve —with the resources to act.

□ Counties are closest to the problem —and best positioned to solve it. Revenue cuts reduce that capacity.

Informing the Public

How do we explain what people don't see? Communicating the long -term consequences of deferred maintenance is one of the greatest challenges facing county engineers and road superintendents.

Key Questions

- How do we explain deferred maintenance to the public?
- How do we communicate long -term consequences?
- How do we show that prevention costs less than repair?

Key Partners

- Contractors
- Utility providers
- Emergency managers
- Chambers of commerce
- Business leaders

Where to Learn More

A comprehensive resource hub is available to help county officials, partners, and the public understand the impact of this amendment.

1 Reader Guide

2 County Impacts

3 One-Pagers

4 Additional Resources

[KeepFloridaThriving.com](https://www.KeepFloridaThriving.com)

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Infrastructure Doesn't Fail Overnight.

It Erodes Over Time.

Read the amendment carefully before you vote.

Understand what isn't written on the ballot —the deferred roads, the delayed repairs, the compounding costs passed to future generations.