COLUMBIA COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITIES
135 NE HERNANDO AVE SUITE 238
LAKE CITY FL 32055

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

2026 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

# Notice of Proposed Property Taxes

## DO NOT PAY THIS IS NOT A BILL

The taxing authorities which levy property taxes against your property will soon hold Public Hearings to adopt budgets and tax rates for the next year. The purpose of these Public Hearings is to receive opinions from the general public and to answer questions on the proposed tax changes and budget Prior to Taking Final Action. Each taxing authority may Amend or Alter its proposals at the hearing.

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FORT WHITE FL 32038-3809

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| Taxing District: 3 | COLUMN 1* | | COLUMN 2* | | COLUMN 3* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taxing Authority | Tax Rate 2025 | Your Property Taxes 2025 | Tax Rate If No Budget Change is Adopted 2026 | Your Property Taxes If No Budget Change is Adopted 2026 | Tax Rate PROPOSED 2026 | Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2026 | PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION A public hearing on the proposed taxes and budget will be held on: |
| COUNTY | 7.8150 | 175.17 | 7.5193 | 178.16 | 7.8150 | 185.17 | SEPT 3, 2026 5:30pm 372 W DUVAL STREET LAKE CITY 32055 |
| SCHOOL - LOCAL | 3.1010 | 69.51 | 2.9932 | 70.92 | 3.1150 | 73.81 | SEPT 8, 2026 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL |
| SCHOOL - STATE | 2.2480 | 50.39 | 2.1699 | 51.41 | 2.2480 | 53.26 | SEPT 8, 2026 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL |
| SUWANNEE RIVER WMD | 0.2812 | 6.30 | 0.2695 | 6.39 | 0.2695 | 6.39 | SEPT 8, 2026 5:05 pm SRWMD 9225 CO RD 49 LIVE OAK FL 32060 |
| LAKESHORE HOSPITAL | 0.0001 | 0.00 | 0.0001 | 0.00 | 0.0001 | 0.00 | SEPT 14, 2026 5:15 pm 971 W DUVAL STREET #150 LAKE CITY FL 32055 |
| Total | | 301.37 | | 306.88 | | 318.63 | |

| Taxing Districts | Market Value 2025 | Market Value 2026 | Assessed Value 2025 | Assessed Value 2026 | Exemptions 2025 | Exemptions 2026 | Taxable Value 2025 | Taxable Value 2026 |
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| County | 94,030 | 106,812 | 47,414 | 48,694 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 22,414 | 23,694 |
| School | 94,030 | 106,812 | 47,414 | 48,694 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 22,414 | 23,694 |
| Other | 94,030 | 106,812 | 47,414 | 48,694 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 22,414 | 23,694 |

| Assessment Reductions | Applicable to: | Value |
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| Save Our Homes | All Taxes | 58,118 |

| Exemptions | Applicable to: | Value |
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| First Homestead | All Taxes | 25,000 |

* See reverse side for explanations.

* If you feel the market value of your property is inaccurate or does not reflect fair market value or if you are entitled to an exemption that is not reflected above contact your county property appraiser at **COURTHOUSE ANNEX RM 238 LAKE CITY FL 32055 386-758-1083**

* If the property appraiser's office is unable to resolve the matter as to market value, classification, or an exemption, you may file a petition for adjustment with the Value Adjustment Board. Petition forms are available from the county property appraiser and must be filed ON OR BEFORE **September 8, 2026**

* Your final tax bill may contain non-ad valorem assessments which may not be reflected on this notice such as assessments for roads, drainage, garbage, fire, lighting, water, sewer, or other government services and facilities which may be levied by your county, city, or any special district.

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# EXPLANATIONS

**Column 1 – "Tax Rate 2025" and "Your Property Taxes 2025"**

These columns show the tax rate and taxes that applied last year to your property. These amounts were based on budgets adopted last year and your property's previous taxable value.

**Column 2 – "Tax Rate IF NO Budget Change is Adopted 2026" and "Your Property Taxes IF NO Budget Change is Adopted 2026"**

These columns show what your tax rate and taxes will be this year if each taxing authority does not change its property tax levy. These amounts are based on last year's budgets and your current assessment.

**Column 3 – "Tax Rate PROPOSED 2026" and "Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2026"**

These columns show what your tax rate and taxes will be this year under budget actually proposed by each local taxing authority. The proposal is NOT final and may be amended at the public hearings shown on the front side of this notice. The difference between Columns 2 and 3 is the tax change proposed by each local taxing authority and is NOT the result of higher assessments.

Note: Amounts shown on this form do NOT reflect early payment discounts you may have received or may be eligible to receive. (Discounts are a maximum of 4 percent of the amounts shown on this form).

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**Market (Just) Value** – Market (also called "Just") value is the most probable sale price for your property in a competitive, open market involving a willing buyer and willing seller.

**Assessed Value** – Assessed value is the market value of your property minus any assessment reductions. The assessed value may be different for levies made by different taxing authorities.

**Taxable Value** – Taxable value is the value used to calculate the tax due on your property. Taxable value is the assessed value minus the value of your exemptions.

**Exemptions** – Specific dollar or percentage reductions in assessed value may be applicable to a property based upon certain qualifications of the property or property owner. In some cases, an exemption's value may vary depending on the taxing authority. The tax impact of an exemption value may also vary for the same taxing authority, depending on the levy (i.e. operating millage vs. debt service millage).

**Assessment Reductions** – Properties can receive an assessment reduction for a number of reasons including the Save Our Homes benefit and the 10% non-homestead property assessment limitation. Certain types of property, such as agricultural land, are valued on their current use rather than their market value.