

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**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.

2024 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

08-4S-17-08226-000  
MERKEL ALLISON BLAKE  
MERKEL JAMES STUART  
229 SE OLD MANSE GLN  
LAKE CITY, FL 32025

LOTS 5 THRU 8 BLOCK 4 LAKESIDE HEIGHTS S/D,  
EX BEG INTERS E R/W LINE US-441 & N LINE OF  
S1/2 OF NW1/4 OF SEC, RUN E 553 FT TO WATERS  
EDGE, S 145 FT, NW 560 FT TO RD R/W, N



Taxing District: 2		COLUMN 1*		COLUMN 2*		COLUMN 3*		PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION A public hearing on the proposed taxes and budget will be held on:
Taxing Authority		Tax Rate 2023	Your Property Taxes 2023	Tax Rate If No Budget Change is Adopted 2024	Your Property Taxes If No Budget Change is Adopted 2024	Tax Rate PROPOSED 2024	Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2024	
COUNTY		7.8150	1,833.63	7.4082	1,912.00	7.8150	2,016.99	SEPT 5, 2024 5:30pm 372 W DUVAL STREET LAKE CITY 32055
SCHOOL - LOCAL		3.2170	837.64	3.0664	852.09	3.1430	873.37	SEPT 10, 2024 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL
SCHOOL - STATE		2.2480	585.33	2.1428	595.44	2.2480	624.67	SEPT 10, 2024 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL
SUWANNEE RIVER WMD		0.3113	73.04	0.2936	75.78	0.2936	75.78	SEPT 10, 2024 5:05 pm SRWMD 9225 CO RD 49 LIVE OAK FL 32060
LAKESHORE HOSPITAL		0.0001	0.02	0.0001	0.03	0.0001	0.03	SEPT 09, 2024 5:15 pm 259 NE FRANKLIN ST SUITE 102 LAKE CITY FL
Total			3,329.66		3,435.34		3,590.84	

Taxing Districts	Market Value		Assessed Value		Exemptions		Taxable Value	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
County	260,380	277,878	234,629	258,092	0	0	234,629	258,092
School	260,380	277,878	260,380	277,878	0	0	260,380	277,878
Other	260,380	277,878	234,629	258,092	0	0	234,629	258,092

Assessment Reductions	Applicable to:	Value
10% Cap on Non-Homestead	Non School Taxes	19,786

Exemptions	Applicable to:	Value

\* 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, 2024**

\* 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.

## **EXPLANATIONS**

### **Column 1 – “Tax Rate 2023” and “Your Property Taxes 2023”**

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 2024” and “Your Property Taxes IF NO Budget Change is Adopted 2024”**

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 2024” and “Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2024”**

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.