

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.

2025 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

08-4S-17-08225-002
MERKEL ALLISON BLAKE
MERKEL JAMES STUART
229 SE OLD MANSE GLN
LAKE CITY, FL 32025

COMM SW COR OF LOT 3 BLOCK 4 LAKESIDE
HEIGHTS S/D, RUN W 17 FT TO E R/W US-441 FOR
POB, N ALONG R/W LINE 230.07 FT, E'LY APPROX
1314.75 FT, S 105 FT, W'LY 1322 FT



Taxing District: 2		COLUMN 1*		COLUMN 2*		COLUMN 3*	
Taxing Authority		Tax Rate 2024	Your Property Taxes 2024	Tax Rate If No Budget Change is Adopted 2025	Your Property Taxes If No Budget Change is Adopted 2025	Tax Rate PROPOSED 2025	Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2025
COUNTY		7.8150	222.08	7.3515	208.91	7.8150	222.08
SCHOOL - LOCAL		3.1430	89.31	2.9709	84.42	3.1010	88.12
SCHOOL - STATE		2.2480	63.88	2.1249	60.38	2.2480	63.88
SUWANNEE RIVER WMD		0.2936	8.34	0.2812	7.99	0.2812	7.99
LAKESHORE HOSPITAL		0.0001	0.00	0.0001	0.00	0.0001	0.00
Total			383.61		361.70		382.07
PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION		A public hearing on the proposed taxes and budget will be held on:					
		SEPT 4, 2025 5:30pm 372 W DUVAL STREET LAKE CITY 32055					
		SEPT 9, 2025 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL					
		SEPT 9, 2025 5:55 pm SCHOOL BOARD ADM BLDG 372 W DUVAL ST LAKE CITY FL					
		SEPT 9, 2025 5:05 pm SRWMD 9225 CO RD 49 LIVE OAK FL 32060					
		SEPT 08, 2025 5:15 pm 259 NE FRANKLIN ST SUITE 102 LAKE CITY FL					

Taxing Districts	Market Value		Assessed Value		Exemptions		Taxable Value	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
County	28,417	28,417	28,417	28,417	0	0	28,417	28,417
School	28,417	28,417	28,417	28,417	0	0	28,417	28,417
Other	28,417	28,417	28,417	28,417	0	0	28,417	28,417

Assessment Reductions	Applicable to:	Value	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, 2025**

* 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 2024” and “Your Property Taxes 2024”

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 2025” and “Your Property Taxes IF NO Budget Change is Adopted 2025”

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 2025” and “Your Property Taxes IF PROPOSED Budget is Adopted 2025”

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).

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.