

ORDINANCE 2016-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF A ½ CENT FIRE SERVICES SURTAX ON SALES OF QUALIFIED GOODS SOLD WITHIN LIBERTY COUNTY. PROVIDING FOR THE ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS CASTING A BALLOT ON THE REFERENDUM TO ADOPT SAID ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred on the Liberty County Board of County Commission by Florida Statutes 125 and 212.55(8).

WHEREAS; The Liberty County Board of County Commission desires to provide the citizens of Liberty County with quality fire prevention and suppression services.

WHEREAS; Liberty County is a fiscally constrained County and lacks the necessary funds to finance county wide fire services through its current revenues.

WHEREAS; The Liberty County Board of County Commission respects the role of citizens in making such policy decisions as the assessment of taxes.

WHEREAS; The Liberty County Board of County Commission understand that any tax increase of this nature can only be done after the approval of the voters of Liberty County.

WHEREAS; a referendum for the implementation of this Ordinance has been placed upon the ballot of the general election scheduled for November 8, 2016.


WHEREAS; if approved by a majority of the voters this ordinance creating an additional ½ cent surtax on qualifying goods sold in Liberty County shall take effect on January 1, 2017 and continue for a period of five years ending on January 1, 2022.

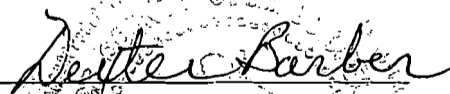
WHEREAS; any and all proceeds collected as a result of the surtax shall be spent in accordance with Florida Statute 212.055(8).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT ORDINANCE 2016-05 SHALL BE ADOPTED AND UPON RATIFICATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017;

ATTESTATION:

The above Ordinance was duly adopted by the Liberty County Board of County Commission with a quorum present this 6th day of October, 2016.


Kathleen E. Brown
Liberty County Clerk of Court


Dexter Barber
Chairman Liberty County Board of County Commissioners