

2026 Leon County Charter Amendments

Title	Summary	Explanation
REMOVE AND REPLACE OUTDATED STATUTORY REFERENCES AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Shall the Leon County Charter be amended to remove outdated statutory references related to the establishment of a Charter, specify public hearing and notice requirements to consider amending the Charter, and require the Citizen Charter Review Committee to submit its recommendations 150 days before the general election to provide additional time for the Board and residents of Leon County to consider proposed charter amendments? ___ YES ___ NO	This will require the CCRC to submit their recommendations 60 days earlier than currently, which will probably require an earlier establishment of the Committee. This change will allow the BOCC time to modify them if they desire, while still allowing time to hold statutory public hearings on the proposed changes before they have to submit the proposed amendments to the SOE.
AFFIRMATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Shall the Preamble of the Leon County Home Rule Charter be amended to reflect the esteemed humanity of all residents by affirming shared dignity that is inherent and deserving of consideration in public affairs, while preserving the Charter’s existing framework for local self-governance and citizen empowerment? ___ YES ___ NO	This will insert the following text into the current preamble, as a value statement: <u>...hereby affirm the esteemed humanity of all residents of Leon County. We recognize in every person a shared dignity, not granted by government, but inherent and deserving of consideration in our public affairs.</u> In order to empower the people of this County to make changes in their own government, <u>we</u> do ordain and establish this Home Rule Charter for Leon County, Florida.
COUNTY ORDINANCES TO PREVAIL OVER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Shall the Leon County Charter be amended to provide that County ordinances adopted after January 1, 2027, shall prevail over conflicting municipal ordinances in the event of conflict, to the extent permitted by law, so that the County may establish regulations and standards on matters affecting residents in both incorporated and unincorporated areas ___ YES ___ NO	Any future ordinances passed by the County could (at the County’s discretion) preempt a City ordinance covering the same issue, which would reverse the language of the current charter: “Municipal ordinances shall prevail over County ordinances to the extent of any conflict within the boundaries of the municipality.”

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UNIFORM STREET NAMING, RENAMING, AND PROPERTY NUMBERING STANDARDS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Shall the Leon County Charter be amended to provide for uniform countywide street naming, renaming, and property numbering standards to be established by county ordinance, which would prevail in the event of a conflict with municipal ordinances, as permitted by law, to support emergency response needs throughout the County? ___YES ___NO	This amendment would preempt a City of Tallahassee ordinance which allows the city to name and rename streets as they wish, within municipal boundaries.
AFFIRMATION OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS	Shall the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, be amended to provide for a periodic Community Impact Assessment process, public reporting, and Board of County Commissioners' review and consideration regarding adverse community conditions related to the County's historic laws, policies, and practices? ___YES ___NO	This amendment would require future county governments to actively collect data on economically disadvantaged geographic neighborhoods, with no racial distinctions being drawn. No government funds are required to be allocated to these neighborhoods.

2026 School Board Referendums

CONTINUING SALES SURTAX TO FUND SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS	To help improve safety and security, maintain high-quality classrooms, and reduce classroom overcrowding by expanding, constructing, and improving school facilities, technology and transportation, with revenues collected to be shared with eligible charter schools pursuant to Florida law, shall the school district of Leon County continue to levy a one-half cent sales surtax for fifteen years to fund such activities for Leon County schools, with review by a School Board appointed citizen advisory committee? ___YES ___NO	The current sales tax rate in Leon County, Florida is 7.5% . This combined rate consists of Florida's 6.0% state sales tax and a 1.5% local discretionary sales surtax applied uniformly across the county that includes a 1% Infrastructure Surtax [Blueprint] and a 0.5% School Capital Outlay Surtax). Estimated to raise \$20 million annually and \$265 million over 15 years. A YES vote will continue at the same rate. A NO vote will reduce the tax rate to 7%.
SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM: SCHOOL DISTRICT AD VALOREM TAX TO IMPROVE TEACHER PAY AND SCHOOL SECURITY	In order to increase teacher pay, recruit and retain highly qualified educators, enhance school security, improve mental health services, and fund essential operations that preserve important school programs including career and technical education (with a proportionate allocation to charter schools pursuant to state law), shall the Leon County School District authorize an annual ad valorem operating millage of one mil, for four years , with expenditures reviewed by a citizen's advisory committee? ___YES ___NO	This is an ad valorem (property tax) — based on the assessed value of taxable property. The rate of 1 mil = \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable property value. These funds may not be used for capital improvement projects such as school facilities, technology upgrades, transportation improvements, etc. A YES vote would increase ad valorem property tax by \$1 per \$1,000 assessed taxable property value. A NO vote would not increase the tax.