

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER REDUCING OR COMPLETELY ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAXES!®

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The above subject has been widely publicized in local media and of course there are some major concerns about the possible loss of financing for schools, fire, and police services! Like the current DOGE efforts directed towards waste related to our federal government operations, it is likely that similar waste exists within state and local governments. Therefore, if such wastefulness is discovered and eliminated in regards to the noted state and local government functions, the impact due to the loss of revenue from property taxes may not be as significant as the “dooms-day sayers” may believe! Do read on!

I have owned properties in the Kissimmee/St. Cloud, Florida area for almost 30 years! Although I don't have a complete answer about just how to continue funding the above-noted services without property taxes, I do have an opinion about how the local police could become somewhat more “self-supporting” and, just how is that? Well, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year on our roadways here, I witness literally “hordes of current residents” violating Florida laws related to excessive noise from illegally-modified car exhaust systems while at the same time they are guilty of speeding, careening, and careless/unsafe driving; this same lot is disturbing the peace by “blasting music” from their vehicles at excessive volume levels, also in total ignorance of the law! There is little evidence that these laws are being seriously enforced by local police and sheriff's deputies, much to the dismay of responsible residents who only want peace, order, and tranquility! If in fact concerted efforts are implemented to cite and fine the offenders of just these 2 noted laws, a “windfall of revenue” could be generated in a very short time and this revenue could make the noted law enforcement agencies mostly self-sufficient! Although much more serious crimes like murder, rape, robbery, etc. occupy a large percentage of law enforcement's time to the extent that they cannot enforce the noted vehicle laws, this activity does not generate any immediate revenue!

Instead of the periodic increases in property taxes that severely penalize home owners, especially seniors on fixed incomes, a reduction in property tax rates or a complete elimination of these taxes needs to be seriously considered! If nothing else, how about completely eliminating property taxes for citizens once they achieve 70 years of age and undo this tax burden; then these monies can be freed-up to help pay for health care, food, shelter, etc.

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