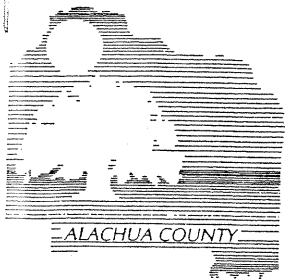


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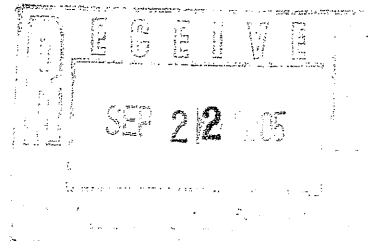
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September 20, 2005

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490, Station 19
Gainesville, FL 32602



Dear Mayor Hanrahan,

Thursday evening, September 8th, Sheriff Oelrich made a presentation in the County Commission meeting chambers on the delivery of law enforcement services to city residents and unincorporated county residents. The County Manager passed out information on the County's Law Enforcement MSTU, which, as you know, currently funds the provision of law enforcement services to unincorporated county residents only. The County Commission discussed how the MSTU could be used by municipal governments to fund law enforcement services that are delivered into the City by Sheriff Oelrich's Office.

The presentation pointed out that the City must formally adopt an ordinance to consent to the County Commission's levy of the municipal service tax law enforcement within the City's jurisdiction. The City's ordinance should be adopted by January 1, 2006 to enable the County to levy the tax by September 2006. I have attached a chart prepared by our Office of Management and Budget that identifies the amount of revenue each City would generate from opting into the County's Law Enforcement MSTU.

At the September 13th County Commission meeting, the Commission respectfully requested a written response from each municipality of their intent to opt into the Law Enforcement MSTU. The Commission looks forward to receiving each City's response prior to the end of October 2005 so that changes to ordinances may be adopted.

Thank you for your leadership and the Council's consideration of the MSTU as a viable funding mechanism for your law enforcement services.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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cc All City Managers
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Randall H. Reid, County Manager
Dave Wagner, County Attorney

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Alachua County
Millage and Revenue Calculations
Based on 2005 Preliminary Tax Rolls
September 2005

AUTHORITY	2005 TAXABLE VALUE	008 MSTU 1.7001	009 MSTU 1.7816	1.0000
Alachua	493,998,583	839,847	880,108	493,999
Archer	26,259,443	44,644	46,784	26,259
Gainesville	4,276,704,826	7,270,826	7,619,377	4,276,705
Hawthorne	37,425,659	63,627	66,678	37,426
High Springs	176,610,181	300,255	314,649	176,610
LaCrosse	7,028,980	11,950	12,523	7,029
Micanopy	19,823,535	33,702	35,318	19,824
Newberry	198,176,862	336,920	353,072	198,177
Waldo	20,913,125	35,554	37,259	20,913