

Daytona Regional

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Government Relations Newsletter

Volusia County Budget

On September 21st, Volusia County Council voted to confirm the \$1.1 billion 2021-2022 fiscal year budget that will take effect October 1st, 2021. The final vote for the \$1.1 billion budget of which \$961 million accounts for the operations was cast 6-1 with Chairman Brower being the only no vote. Each millage rate was voted separately and approved 5-2 with Brower and Post representing the minority no votes.

Volusia County Millage Rate (5-2 votes)

General Fund: 5.3812 (3.43% above full rollback)

Fire Rescue: 3.8412 (5.85% above full rollback)

Special taxing district for Municipal Services: 2.1083 (5.82% above full rollback)

Library: 0.5174 (4.99% above full rollback)

Special taxing district for Mosquito Control: 0.1781 (4.15% above full rollback)

Special taxing district for Silver Sands-Bethune Beach Municipal Service 0.0144 (4.35% above full rollback)

Unanimously Approved

Volusia Forever: 0.2000 (99.6% above full rollback)

Volusia ECHO: 0.2000 (not levied last year)

Special taxing district for Ponce Inlet Port Authority: 0.0845 (equals full rollback)

Millage Rate

City	Approved	Rollback Rate	Difference	Annual Budget
Daytona Beach	5.53	5.3843	2.7% ^	312 Million
Daytona Beach Shores	4.9356	4.9356	0	17.9 Million
DeBary	2.9247	2.7642	5.81% ^	22.5 Million
Deland	6.7841	6.52	4.05% ^	109.8 Million
Deltona	7.85	7.1812	9.31% ^	192.5 Million
Edgewater	6.7	6.2465	7.26% ^	79.8 Million
Holly Hill	6.25	6.0034	4.11% ^	26.9 Million
Lake Helen	6.85	6.52	5.06% ^	4.5 Million
New Smyrna Beach	3.7421	3.5846	4.39% ^	86.8 Million
Ormand Beach	3.9128	3.737	4.7% ^	101 Million
Ponce Inlet	5.9	5.5841	5.66% ^	6.4 Million
Port Orange	4.9632	4.4633	11.20% ^	122 Million
South Daytona	7.75	7.37	5.13% ^	26.6 Million
Volusia County	5.3812	5.2025	3.43% ^	1.1 Billion

Volusia Days

Be a part of the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual Volusia Days at the Florida Capitol on January 25th and 26th. Experience the 2022 legislative session. Find out firsthand the process of law-making and help the Daytona Regional Chamber advocate its 2022 legislative priorities. Interact with our Volusia County Delegation, meet with departments heads, and mix-and-mingle with other Chamber members.





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Join us for the Daytona Regional Chamber's POLITICAL BOOT CAMP

The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Boot Camp is a unique non-partisan, regional initiative designed to strengthen and develop the next generation of public leaders.

- Perfect for community leaders interested in exploring future public leadership.
- Non-Partisan, and no obligation required to run for office.
- All participants will receive a 100% scholarship for the program, thanks to the generous support of program sponsors.
- In-person attendance and participation are required.

Friday, November 12 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

What you will learn

Preparing to run
Building your political resume
Learning the issues
Running a campaign
Fundraising
Targeting
Online campaigning

Voter contact
Volunteers
Organizing door-to-door
Early voting strategies
GOTV Get-Out-The-Vote!
Campaign timeline
Election laws & compliance

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St. Johns River Water Management District

Gov. Ron DeSantis has reappointed Maryam Ghyabi-White to the St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board. Maryam Ghyabi-White is the CEO and President of Ghyabi Consulting and Management and Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Trustee. The St. Johns River Water Management District is an environmental regulatory agency of the state of Florida. The Management District focuses on ensuring a long-term supply of drinking water and protecting and restoring water bodies' health in the district's 18 counties in Florida.



Daytona Zone 2 Special Election

On September 21st, four candidates went into the special election primary day with the hope of replacing former City Commissioner Aaron Delgado, who resigned due to his residency. The race will move to a general election with no candidate received more than 50% of the total vote. Ken Strickland and Larry McDermott were the two top vote-getters. Out of the 6,800 registered voters in the district, 1,084 votes were cast. Ken Strickland and Larry McDermott were separated by only 13 votes, with Ken Strickland receiving 384 votes to Larry McDermott's 371. The general election is scheduled for November 2nd, with Zone 2 winner finishing out the remaining three years of Delgado's four-year term.





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President Biden Executive Order: Vaccine Mandate

Background

On Thursday, September 9th, President Joe Biden announced his Path Out of the Pandemic plan. President Biden's Executive Order to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has many provisions that will impact the business community through the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). This order bypasses the traditional rulemaking process, and the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) could take effect as soon as it is published. The Executive Order includes the following:

- Department of Labor Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring employers with more than 100 people to require vaccination or weekly testing
- Department of Labor rule requiring employers with more than 100 people to provide paid time off for vaccinations
- Require federal employees to get vaccinated within 75 days or risk termination (which would remove the option for weekly testing in lieu of vaccination)
- Extend the federal employee vaccination requirement to federal contractors
- Require Medicare and Medicaid funding recipients to fully vaccinate their staff
- Urge schools to set up regular testing based on community spread
- Urge large entertainment venues to require proof of vaccination or testing for entry
- Expand free COVID testing

Companies that don't comply with the rule could be fined up to \$13,600 per violation.

Position

The Daytona Regional Chamber opposes the Biden plan until it is shown through the rulemaking process that employers will have the resources, guidance, and flexibility necessary to ensure both the safety of their employees and customers without disruption to their business operations.

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Eggs & Issues



Transportation Round Table

Please join the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce for a special Eggs & Issues round table discussion and question and answer session about our transportation needs. We are pleased to have FDOT District 5 Secretary Jared Perdue and CEO/President of Ghyabi Consulting and Management Maryam Ghyabi-White.

Join the Daytona Regional Chamber on **October 14th, 2021**, at **Halifax River Yacht Club** for our Eggs & Issues program. This month's program will feature FDOT District 5 Secretary Jared Perdue and CEO/President of Ghyabi Consulting and Management Maryam Ghyabi-White.

Breakfast is served at 7:30 AM. The program will start at 8:00 AM.

\$17 for Daytona Regional Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. You will need your member portal username and password to access the member rate. Eggs & Issues is sponsored by **Halifax Health** and **Daytona Beach News-Journal**.

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