



## November 8, 2022, Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum

### *Information Sheet*

**South Carolina Code of Laws Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 Section 4-10-300**, et seq. outlines the steps a county must take to levy a one (1) percent sales tax by referendum on sales within the county the purpose for which proceeds are to be used for capital related projects.

On September 15th of 2021, Newberry County Council began the process with the first step of creating a six (6) member Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Commission. The Capital Project Sales Tax Act outlines the composition of the commission seats. The commission must consider proposals for funding capital projects within the county. The commission then formulates the ballot/referendum question that is presented to County Council. County Council approves or rejects the ballot. County Council approved the ballot as presented by ordinance on July 6, 2022. The referendum question with projects listed will be presented to the voters at the general election. The date of the general election is November 8, 2022. Meetings of the CPST Commission were open to the public.

#### **Sales Tax Highlights**

- Sales tax dollars raised in Newberry County stay in Newberry County.
- This one (1) percent sales tax is not an additional tax; it will replace the one (1) percent sales tax that is currently in effect when it expires in 2024.
- With this sales tax, out of County residents significantly contribute towards the investment of Newberry County projects.
- Unprepared food items eligible for purchase with United States Department of Agriculture food coupons are exempt from the capital projects sales tax. For additional information, visit the South Carolina Department of Revenue website.
- If passed by the voters, the sales tax will expire after a maximum period of 7 years.
- The projects chosen will reflect the needs throughout Newberry County to include the incorporated areas of Newberry, Pomaria, Prosperity, Little Mountain, and Whitmire as well as Newberry County Water & Sewer Authority.
- By law, the money raised as a part of this program can only be spent on the projects approved by the voters.
- County Council cannot modify the projects listed on the ballot question formulated by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.



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## 12 Projects Recommended by the CPST Commission for November 8th Referendum

Newberry County Public Safety Complex	\$7,750,000
City of Newberry Recreational Complex Improvements	\$3,295,000
Town of Prosperity Parks Improvements	\$3,150,000
Newberry County Detention Center New Cell Block Building and Upgrades to Support Facilities	\$8,000,000
Town of Little Mountain Reunion Park Improvements	\$2,015,825
Downtown Newberry Amphitheater/Pavilion	\$3,650,000
Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority's Cannon's Creek Wastewater Facility Upgrades and Expansion	\$5,154,500
Old Gallman High School Partial Renovation Project/Community Center	\$1,450,000
Newberry County Courthouse IT/Security Improvements	\$295,000
Newberry Museum Roof Replacement and HVAC Improvements	\$815,000
Town of Pomaria Old Pomaria School Community Center Improvements	\$671,745
Town of Whitmire City Gym Improvements	\$800,000

## 2022 Newberry County Capital Project Sales Tax Timeline



### Have Questions?

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## NEWBERRY COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX

CITY OF NEWBERRY    TOWN OF PROSPERITY    TOWN OF LITTLE MOUNTAIN  
TOWN OF POMARIA    TOWN OF WHITMIRE    NEWBERRY COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

The Capital Project Sales Tax is a one cent added sales tax that provides funding for multiple capital projects within the bounds of Newberry County and its Municipalities.

### **Capital Project-Sales Tax Referendum**

On November 8th of 2022, the Citizens of Newberry County will be given the opportunity to approve or refuse a referendum to approve a 1-cent sales tax not to exceed 7 years. If approved, Sales Tax Collections in Newberry County will begin in May 2024. This is not a new tax but a continuation of the existing 1-cent sales tax. The Newberry County Council has voted to place the following projects on the November election ballot as recommended by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission with ballot amounts.

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