CALHOUN COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-03

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAX OF 1%, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CALHOUN COUNTY SMALL COUNTY SURTAX"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM; PROVIDING FOR A RESTRICTION OF USE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF A PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Florida Statutes Section 212.055(3), the Legislature of the State of Florida, granted authority to the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to levy an additional 1% sales surtax; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Calhoun County, Florida, to meet the financial burdens incurred by the ambulance service, indigent care, new road construction and economic development, through the passing of this tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. There is and shall be imposed, in addition to all other sales tax required or allowed by law, an 1% sales surtax imposed. Said tax shall be used exclusively for:

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- A. Ambulance service;
- B. Indigent care;
- C. New road construction, and
- D. Economic development.

 Said tax shall be and remain in effect for a period of eight (8) years, commencing January 1, 2001.

3. In the absence of any written agreement reached before November 1, 2000, between the Board of County Commissioners and the governing bodies of any municipalities within Calhoun County, constituting a majority of the population within the incorporated areas within the county, relating to a distribution of the proceeds of this tax, the proceeds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula provided for in Florida Statutes Section 218.62.

4. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held for any reason, to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgments from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

ADOPTED, AT A SPECIAL MEETING, THIS THE ___26th_____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000, BY A VOTE OF ___4 ___ TO ______, AFTER DUE NOTICE AND PUBLICATION.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST

Willie D. Wise, Clerk