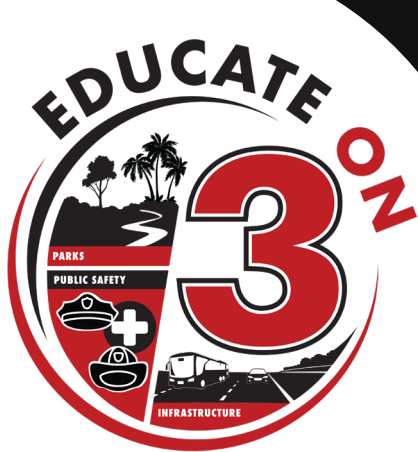




THE IMPACT OF AMENDMENT 3 ON PUBLIC HEALTH

A FACTUAL LOOK AT HOW AMENDMENT 3 COULD AFFECT ESSENTIAL
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Amendment 3, if approved by **60%** of Florida voters, would expand the homestead property tax exemption and create a framework to reduce or eliminate the non-school portion of property taxes on homesteaded property over time.



WHY IT MATTERS TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Local property taxes are a primary source of funding for many public health services that protect our residents and improve our quality of life. A revenue reduction could greatly impact the ability to provide these critical public health services.



State economists estimate Amendment 3 could reduce local government property tax revenues by approximately **\$5 BILLION** in Fiscal Year 2027-28, with larger reductions in future years as the proposal is fully implemented.



THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL IMPACT

Because every Florida city has a different tax base, population, and service demands, the impact of Amendment 3 will vary from one municipality to another. Cities may face difficult choices, such as:

- ✓ Reducing the frequency or scope of public health services
- ✓ Delaying equipment purchases or facility improvements
- ✓ Reducing outreach and education programs
- ✓ Seeking alternative funding sources to maintain services
- ✓ Adjusting service levels to match available resources



WHY STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES MATTER

PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

Prevents the spread of disease and reduces health risks in our communities.

REDUCE LONG-TERM COSTS

Investing in prevention helps avoid higher medical and social costs in the future.

SUPPORT A STRONG COMMUNITY

Healthy residents are more productive, children do better in school, and our community thrives.

SERVE OUR MOST VULNERABLE

Programs for mental health, homeless services, and animal welfare protect those most in need.

IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

Clean, safe, and healthy communities are more attractive places to live, work, and visit.



THE BOTTOM LINE

Public health services are essential to a safe, healthy, and resilient community. Amendment 3 would reduce a major source of local funding, requiring cities to carefully evaluate how to continue providing these important services residents rely on.

KEY FACT



Amendment 3 does not create new revenue for cities, counties, or other local governments.

It **reduces** the amount of property tax revenue available to fund local services.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AT RISK



MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Helps control mosquito populations and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile and Zika virus and Dengue fever.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Enforces animal-related laws, protects public safety, responds to bites and animal cruelty, and provides shelter and adoption services.



COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS

Includes immunizations, health education, chronic disease prevention, maternal and child health, and wellness initiatives.



MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Supports counseling, crisis intervention, and outreach programs that improve mental well-being and connect residents to resources.



HOMELESS SERVICES

Provides outreach, emergency shelter, case management, and connections to housing and support services.



The availability, frequency, and responsiveness of these services may be affected if local revenues decline. Each city will evaluate the impact during its annual budget process.