



COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 16, 2023

AGENDA



IMPACT FEES
UPDATE



BUSINESS LICENSE
DISCUSSION

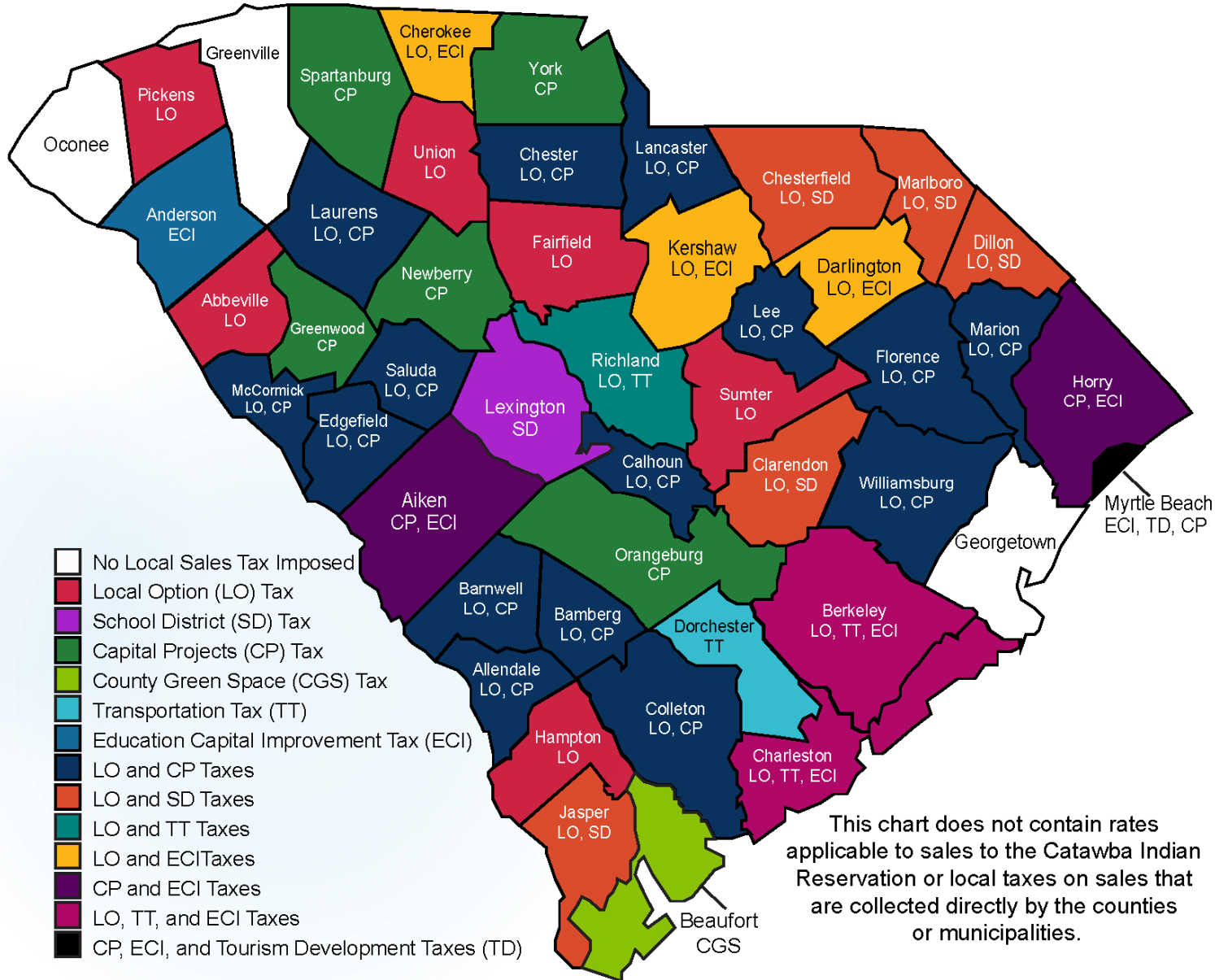


SALES TAX

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- ▶ Focus on 2
 - ▶ Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)
 - ▶ Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST)

South Carolina Local Tax Designation by County **Effective May 1, 2023**
 Collected by the South Carolina Department of Revenue



- No Local Sales Tax Imposed
- Local Option (LO) Tax
- School District (SD) Tax
- Capital Projects (CP) Tax
- County Green Space (CGS) Tax
- Transportation Tax (TT)
- Education Capital Improvement Tax (ECI)
- LO and CP Taxes
- LO and SD Taxes
- LO and TT Taxes
- LO and ECI Taxes
- CP and ECI Taxes
- LO, TT, and ECI Taxes
- CP, ECI, and Tourism Development Taxes (TD)

Abbeville	7%	Chesterfield	8%
Aiken	8%	Clarendon	8%
Allendale	8%	Colleton	8%
Anderson	7%	Darlington	8%
Bamberg	8%	Dillon	8%
Barnwell	8%	Dorchester	7%
Beaufort	7%	Edgefield	8%
Berkeley	9%	Fairfield	7%
Calhoun	8%	Florence	8%
Charleston	9%	Georgetown	6%
Cherokee	8%	Greenville	6%
Chester	8%	Greenwood	7%
Hampton	7%	Newberry	7%
Horry	8%	Oconee	6%
Horry-Myrtle Beach	9%	Orangeburg	7%
Jasper	8%	Pickens	7%
Kershaw	8%	Richland	8%
Lancaster	8%	Saluda	8%
Laurens	8%	Spartanburg	7%
Lee	8%	Sumter	7%
Lexington	7%	Union	7%
McCormick	8%	Williamsburg	8%
Marion	8%	York	7%
Marlboro	8%		

This chart does not contain rates applicable to sales to the Catawba Indian Reservation or local taxes on sales that are collected directly by the counties or municipalities.

Special Notice
 Effective April 30, 2023, Sumter County's Capital Projects Tax expired.
 Effective May 1, 2023, Beaufort County imposed a 1% County Green Space Tax.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- ▶ Legislature Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 1
 - ▶ Requires referendum in November 2024
 - ▶ Notice required to show anticipated credit on primary residence, personal property, commercial facility, industrial facility in newspaper 2 weeks before referendum
 - ▶ "Must the one percent local option sales and use tax be levied in Georgetown County for the purpose of allowing a credit against a taxpayer's county and municipal ad valorem tax liability and for the purpose of funding county and municipal operations in the Georgetown County area? [Yes] [No]
 - ▶ In effect indefinitely, unless referendum to rescind

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- ▶ Distribution/Allocation outlined in law
- ▶ Estimate conservatively
- ▶ Reporting requirements
- ▶ Would not receive monies until *May 2025 (FY26)*

CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX

- ▶ County Council may impose 1% sales and use tax by ordinance, subject to referendum for specific purposes for a limited amount of time
- ▶ Council appoints commission members along with municipal partners with weighed votes based on population
- ▶ Commission considers proposals and formulates list of projects for ballot question
- ▶ Referendum held November 2024

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

**\$100,000
Revenue**



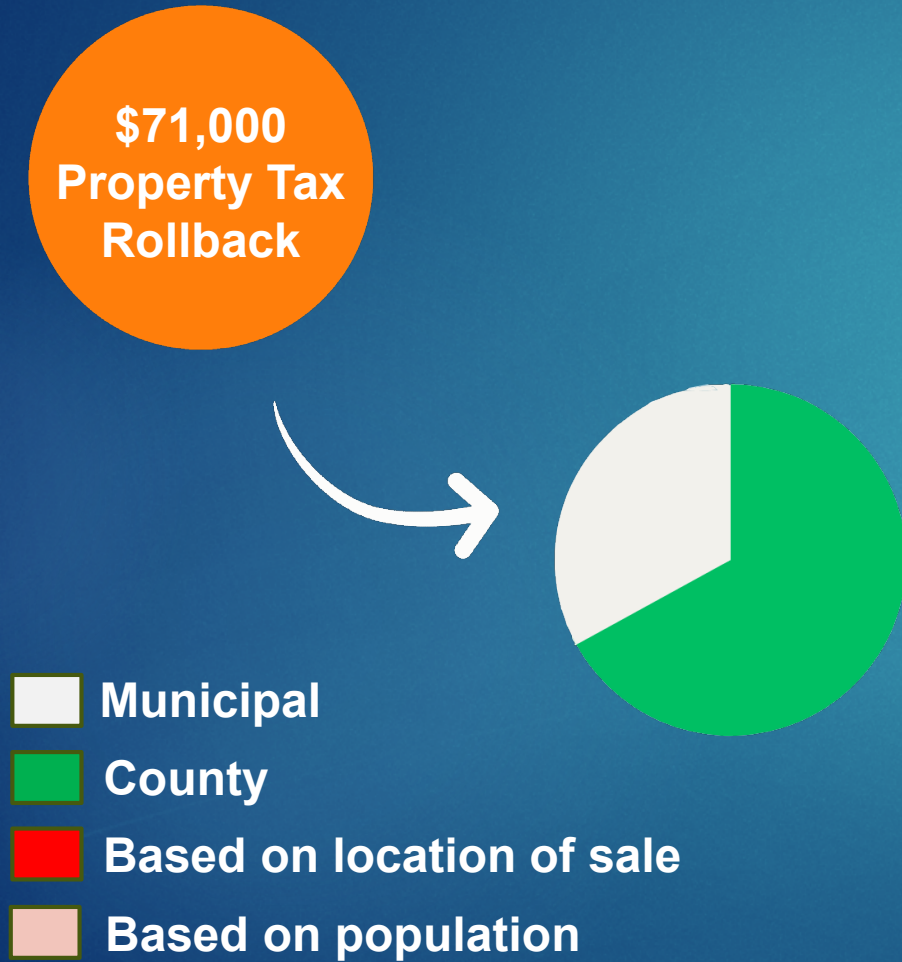
- ▶ Revenue Allocation
 - ▶ 71% for property tax rollback
 - ▶ 29% for county/municipal revenue

**\$29,000
County
Revenue**

**\$71,000
Property Tax
Rollback**



LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX



Revenue Distribution

- ▶ Of the 71% rollback,
 - ▶ 67% distributed to county government
 - ▶ 33% to municipal governments in county based on % of population
- ▶ Of the 29% rollback,
 - ▶ 50% based on location of sale
 - ▶ 50% based on population



CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX

- ▶ Highways, roads, streets, bridges and public parking garages
- ▶ Courthouses, administration buildings, civic centers, hospitals, police and fire stations, jails, libraries, technical college facilities
- ▶ Cultural, recreation or historic facilities
- ▶ Water and sewer projects
- ▶ Flood control projects and storm water facilities
- ▶ Dredging, dewatering and constructing spoil sites related to dredging
- ▶ Beach access and renourishment

CPST

- ▶ Collection would start *May 2025* if approved by referendum



QUESTIONS