YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Voters have an important decision on the ballot this November called Proposition A. Be informed.

Explaining Proposition A

Commercial property owners in Clay County currently pay a surtax of $1.59 per $100 of assessed valuation of their overall property taxes. Homeowners do not pay a surtax.

The Clay County Commission voted 2-1 to propose a 10% reduction of the surtax to $1.44 per $100 of assessed valuation.

This 10% change would only benefit commercial property owners, NOT homeowners in Clay County nor most small business owners.

The Greatest Impact: A $1.7 Million Cut

As needs throughout the community increase, these valuable organizations would collectively lose approximately $1.7 million!

Positions would be cut and jobs lost.

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How Could This Affect You?

People are drawn to Clay County because of great schools and tremendous amenities.

To make up for shortfalls, public service entities may need to ask for future property tax levy increases.

The domino effect of lowering the county surtax on businesses could result in passing the tax bill on to you.

Did You Know?

The surtax rate that supports schools, cities, law enforcement, roads, etc. has not changed since the 1980s, while Clay County’s population and demand for services has increased by over 120,000 residents.

Because Clay County has been so successful in attracting new business, surtax revenue has increased 43% since 2018.

Of the 43%,
- 24% is a result of increased assessed valuation
- 19% is a result of new commercial property investment

If approved, less than 4% of all real estate parcels would benefit. Many of those are big businesses that lease space to smaller businesses. Any savings a few big businesses might see are unlikely to be passed on to smaller lessees.

Be Informed.

Our county has been and continues to be one of the fastest growing in Missouri.
There is no evidence a surtax reduction is needed to attract economic growth.
Good schools fuel great communities.
Social services are imperative to thriving societies.

Proposition A would cut services so that only a few businesses could benefit, ultimately shifting the tax burden to the backs of residents.

Look for Prop. A and vote on November 8.

Information courtesy of Clay County taxing jurisdictions.