

**Ordinance 2025-03**

**An ordinance of the Town of Lee, Florida levying the ad valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing an effective date.**

**Whereas**, Florida law requires the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida to pass an ordinance, or resolution levying the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town limits of the Town of Lee, Florida, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 and;

**Whereas**, Florida law requires said ordinance or resolution to state the millage rate to be levied, and also, to state the percentage by which the millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate as computed pursuant to Florida law; and;

**Whereas**, the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida has duly considered the budgetary requirements of the Town; has adopted a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, based on the millage rate of **8.5 mills** on the taxable property within the town; and has acted in accordance with the terms, provisions and procedures contained in Section 200.065, Florida Statutes.

**Now therefore, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida in special session assembled, that:**

1. The ad valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes be levied on the taxable property within the Town limits of the Town of Lee, Florida, during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, is hereby set at the rate of **8.5 mills**.
2. The fiscal year 2025/2026 operating millage rate is **8.5 mills**, which is greater than the rolled back rate of 8.2494 mills by 3.04 percent.
3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida

**Passed and Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida, in Special Session assembled, this the 18th day of September 2025.**

Approved: by the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida

Council President, Ken Szostek	Yea	Nay	Absent
Councilman Ronnie Bass	Yea	Nay	<del>Absent</del>
Councilman Lloyd Burke	Yea	Nay	Absent
Councilman Edwin McMullen	Yea	Nay	Absent
Councilwoman Cindy Thomas	Yea	Nay	Absent

James C. Ruzicka  
James C. Ruzicka, Mayor

Attested: Sona Hayslett  
Sona Hayslett, Town Manager/Clerk

