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# LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX IS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR SANTA ROSA INFRASTRUCTURE

Over the last several months, a robust community debate has focused on Santa Rosa County's population growth and the best way to provide for its infrastructure needs. From the perspective of the construction industry, we have made the case that impact fees levied on every new home being built in the county are not the answer to this challenge.

Not only do impact fees drive up the cost of new homes, existing homes, and rental units, they place an extraordinary financial burden on working families and retirees who need affordable housing. Perhaps even more significantly, impact fees come up short as a reliable source to finance the county's capital improvements as, by law, they can only be used to meet specific impacts of new development. Thus, impact fees do not benefit the entire community, nor are they allowed to be used to fund the backlog of infrastructure projects.

That said, we believe that Santa Rosa County would be best served by shifting the focus of this growth/infrastructure discussion to a better solution: a half-penny local option sales tax, which can be accomplished by voters in a special election this August.

There are compelling reasons why the sales tax is the best route: One, it generates significantly more revenue than impact fees. Santa Rosa County administrative leaders have projected that re-imposing the transportation impact fee (that was levied on new homes from 2006 to 2009, then suspended) would yield average annual revenue of \$3.2 million. At the same time, they project average annual revenue from a half-cent sales tax would be \$8.2 million.

Two, there is greater flexibility in the use of sales tax revenue to meet community needs. While impact fee funds have restrictions on their use, sales tax dollars can be invested where they are needed most, including for transportation, drainage, public facilities, public safety, recreation, and conservation of natural resources.

Three, studies show that 25 to 30 percent of sales tax revenue is paid by non-residents. It makes perfect sense that visitors to Santa Rosa County should contribute to paying for the infrastructure needs they helped create. By tapping into non-resident revenue, Santa Rosa County is able to insulate existing residents from property tax increases and protect future home buyers from the burden of impact fees.

Four, the sales tax increase would be consistent, reliable source of revenue which could support the issuance of bonds to generate even more funds for infrastructure. Impact fees, which would be subject to the well-documented fluctuations in housing starts, would offer no such reliability or bond-supporting capability.

Fifth and finally, the sales tax increase gets us where we need to go quicker. Even if impact fees were considered, Santa Rosa county officials advise that it could take 12 to 18 months for the required studies, public hearings, and implementing ordinances. On the other hand, the sales tax increase, if adopted, could be in place by January 1, 2020.

We believe that when Santa Rosa County residents and elected officials carefully weigh their options with respect to growth and infrastructure, they will embrace the wisdom of the local option sales tax, just as 65 percent of the voters in Okaloosa County did last November in adopting a half-cent increase that is projected to generate an additional \$19 million annually for a wide range of transportation and public safety improvements.

With this in mind, the HBA strongly encourages you to donate to the Moving Santa Rosa Forward organization to help promote the benefits of a sales tax. Moving Santa Rosa Forward is a Political Committee Organization filed with the Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections. TAX ID Number 81-2053479. Please send your non-deductible contribution to Moving Santa Rosa Forward, 5247 Stewart Street, Milton, FL 32570. If you want to learn more, contact Dave Murzin at 850.380.8249. Moving Santa Rosa Forward is created by the Santa Rosa Legislative Coalition, comprised of the six chambers of commerce within Santa Rosa County, and a diverse group of leaders from across the business community. The goal of Moving Santa Rosa Forward is to educate voters in Santa Rosa County on the benefits of a local option sales tax (LOST) and to encourage a YES.

The HBA looks forward to the ongoing dialogue with citizens, community stake-holders, and elected officials about the future of Santa Rosa County. Make no mistake: growth comes with challenges. But it also demands wise decisions that lead to a bright future and high quality of life for the existing and future residents. On that goal, I believe we can all agree.

### President's Message



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# SEVEN SENSATIONAL KITCHEN DESIGN TRENDS

THEY SAY THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF THE HOME.

With the increase of the modern design homes where the open plan layout merges living, dining, and gathering functions; this is especially true.

Thoughtful planning and attentive design of the kitchen sets the tone for the rest of the home.



Here are some of our favorite 2019 kitchen trends our designers use to inspire the heart of a home's style and atmosphere.

#### 1 Lighting: Gather and Cluster

While single pendants remain a constant favorite, when grouped together in an interesting arrangement they deliver a dramatic statement.

A cluster of mini pendants might replace a more traditional chandelier as the focal fixture over an island, and groups of pendants mounted at different heights can create a striking look while also increasing task lighting.





# **2** Cabinetry: Less Is More

A quiet movement that's been rapidly gaining speed is the "no upper cabinet" kitchen trend.

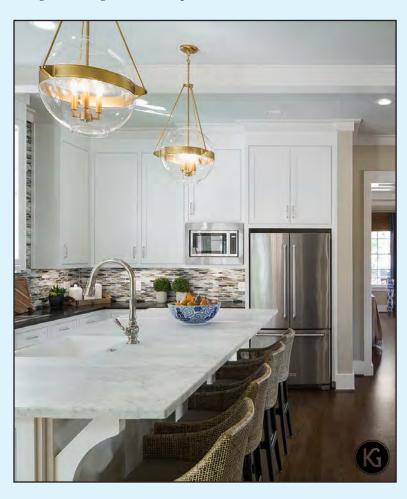
As the modern, minimalist movement takes shape, homeowners want their spaces to appear as clean as possible. One way we achieve this is to eliminate upper cabinets altogether, and instead integrate floating shelves, sills or nothing at all. We're even seeing this trend incorporated into more traditional style homes.



#### 3 Finishes: Metallic Reigns

From lighting, to plumbing hardware; the new metallics are fresh and unexpected.

Many of our favorite manufacturers (Kohler, Kallista, Grohe) have introduced a striking variety of colorways, including bright gold, rose gold, black gold, and even polished rose bronze.





#### **COVER STORY**

# Islands: Make A Statement

Once an option, or add-on, islands have become an essential focal point of almost every kitchen design.

From unique material countertop choices to selecting an intense or vibrant color that contrasts the rest of the kitchen, there are many ways to make a personal statement

Oversize, substantial 5-6 seat islands are also replacing breakfast nooks and conventional dining arrangements.





#### 5 Double the Love: The Messy Kitchen & The Showplace Island

The trend of the "messy kitchen" is gaining steam, presenting two kitchens –one for show and one for go!

Typically, a messy kitchen is a secondary prep kitchen that houses appliances, workstations and is where the "messy" meal preparation is handled.

As such, the main kitchen, or showplace kitchen, then remains clean and ready to entertain, gather or dine.

#### **6** Colors: Mixed Not Matched

Taking a cue from fashion color trends; there is a new surge in the implementation of mixed finishes; from fixtures to cabinets, islands and even appliances.

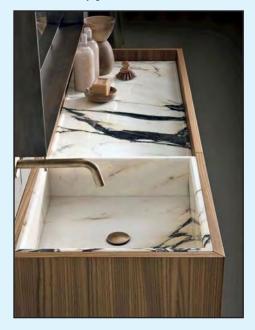
Blending different finish colors & materials within a single kitchen space, if done correctly, becomes a recipe for a unique and distinctive appearance.



#### 7 Sinks: Practicality meets Personality

According to a recent Pinterest Survey, searches for "Black Sinks" rose a whopping 252% over last year. Gone are the days when sinks were an afterthought, and when the only viable option was stainless steel or white porcelain.

We're seeing more and more sinks as works of art, not only functional, but inventively crafted to either create a killer statement, or enhance a very personal aesthetic.







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# 61st Annual Parade of Homes Ends with Great Attendance and Memories

The 61st Annual Parade of Homes Kick Off Event was an evening of excitement, fun, food and live music at Sanders Beach – Corrine Jones Resource Center. Over 350 HBA members enjoyed a (rainy) evening on Pensacola Bay as the HBA celebrated the best in the home building industry. Congratulations to all of the Outstanding Home Award Winners.

The Home Builders Association of West Florida would like to thank the home builders, Realtors and attendees who made the event a memorable experience. Over the 10-day period, thousands of people attended 53 homes scattered throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

The HBA would like to thank Thomas Henry of Thomas Home Corporation for building the ever-popular American Dream Home, which is a Pensacola Energy Natural Gas Advantage Elite Home, in the beautiful community of Carrington. Also, the team of professionals at Thomas Home Corporation including John Quina who supervised the job and worked with donors/subcontractors. He worked very hard on this project and we appreciate him so very much. In addition, Becky Nellums, Kristy Hill, and Cathy Edwards all played a key role in making this home a reality.

During the course of planning and building this home, Pensacola Energy Marketing Manager Jill Grove worked with her talented team to market the Parade of Homes and make sure that the home utilized the benefits of natural gas. Pensacola Energy made significant recommendations to develop a customized energy-feature package that will benefit the homeowner for years to come.

We hope you enjoyed the Official Parade of Homes Guide produced by Ballinger Publishing. The team at Ballinger knocked it out of the park and the HBA was extremely pleased with the finished product in terms of quality and readability. A new element to this year's parade was the launching of a new Parade of Homes app that could be found at the App Store or Google Play by entering, West Florida POH.





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# 2019 61ST ANNUAL PARADE OF HOMES

















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# NEW STORMWATER CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT ADDRESSES NAHB'S CONCERNS

In a big win for builders, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 28 modified its stormwater construction general permit (CGP) to address several of NAHB's concerns.

The major issue EPA addressed was to remove the "joint and several" liability language in the permit that could hold builder's responsible for another builder's failure to comply with the Clean Water Act. This requirement could have subjected builders to significant fines for problems they did not create.

EPA clarified that when multiple builders are at the same site, they may develop a group stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) instead of individual SWPPPs, but each builder is ultimately responsible for complying with the permit.

This permit modification also clarified three requirements to make sure they are consistent with EPA's regulations, and it modified two definitions at the request of NAHB.

Although only immediately applicable in New Mexico, Idaho, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, the CGP serves as a model for most other states when they develop their own stormwater permitting requirements.

Both developers and builders must seek coverage under the CGP for construction that disturbs more than one acre, or less than one acre when the lot is part of a larger development, such as an individual builder working on single lots within a residential subdivision.

This modified CGP will be in effect until February 2022, at which time EPA will need to reissue a new CGP.

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### Lead-based Paint Not a Focus of New EPA Compliance Initiatives

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released new national compliance initiatives that focus on six priority areas. One priority area—lead exposure, including lead-based paint—was originally proposed in February but left off the final list. The final list, however, did include support of the Federal Lead Action Plan to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The Federal Lead Action Plan addresses all potential sources of lead (e.g., drinking water and consumer products), not just lead-based paint. NAHB recommended to the EPA that the best way to increase compliance with the lead-based paint renovation, repair and painting (RRP) rule is to educate home owners and create a demand for certified renovation firms rather

than increase enforcement of certified renovation firms.

Based on this recommendation, rather than develop a new enforcement initiative to address lead exposure, the EPA will instead focus on implementing the Federal Lead Action Plan. This includes:

- 1. Increasing compliance with and awareness of the importance of leadsafe renovations under the RRP rule;
- 2. Developing a mapping tool to identify communities with elevated lead exposures;
- 3. Conducting targeted geographic initiatives; and
- 4. Undertaking public awareness campaigns on lead issues.

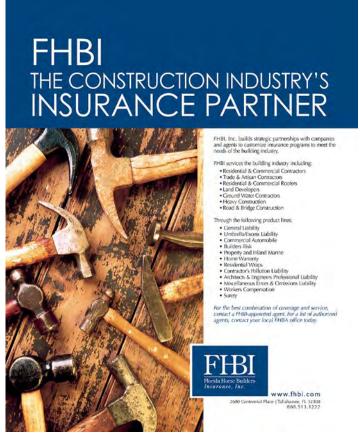


EPA will not cease enforcement of the RRP rule; in fact, the agency recently launched a targeted lead paint compliance initiative in Vermont. However, the EPA will not focus additional resources on lead-based paint as a targeted enforcement initiative.

For additional information, contact John Kosco at 800-368-5242 x8124.

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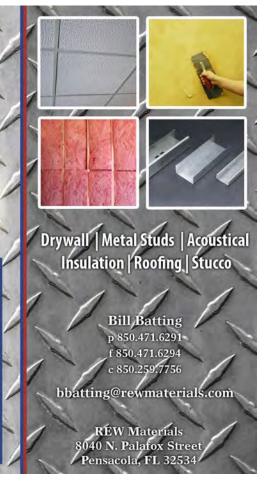


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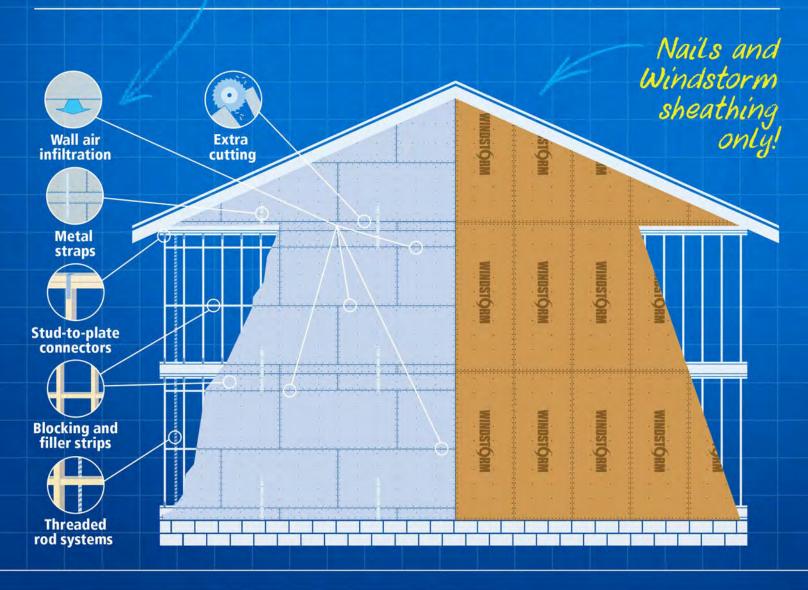
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