



Sales Tax 2026

November 21, 2023

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
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History

- Sales tax program in place since 1994
- 5 extensions
- Either 4 year or 6 year programs
- Provided over \$686M in capital funding for infrastructure, quality of life and public safety

2026 Sales Tax Timeline

Date	Action
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project coversheet template created• Capital Needs Assessment updated to reflect all potential projects• Feedback from CCPS regarding potential projects
April/May 2025	BCC Budget workshop to review infrastructure and Capital Needs Assessment
May 6, 2025	BCC meeting to review the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sales tax timeline• Focus group composition
June 10, 2025	BCC meeting to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects to be considered by focus group• Focus group participants

2026 Sales Tax Timeline

Date	Action
July 22, 2025	BCC discussion and direction on external projects solicitation process
August 12, 2025	Focus group to convene for organizational meeting
October 14, 2025	Update to BCC on focus group progress
December 9, 2025	BCC meeting to review and give direction on proposals received for community/external projects (if desired)
February 3, 2026	Update to BCC on focus group progress

2026 Sales Tax Timeline

Date	Action
March 2026	Focus group to hold final meeting and determine list of projects that will be recommended to BCC
April 7, 2026	BCC to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="504 576 948 618">• Length of extension<li data-bbox="504 631 962 672">• Selection of projects<li data-bbox="504 685 1209 727">• Budget for educational campaign
April 8- November 3, 2026	Outreach campaign implementation
May 5, 2026	BCC item to approve OPPAGA study (if needed)

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Date	Action
May 19, 2026	BCC to approve ordinance for ballot referendum
August 18, 2026	Referendum language to Supervisor of Elections
October 19, 2026	Early voting begins (general)
November 3, 2026	General Election