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Emergency Services Surtax public information request

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Fri, Feb 12, 2016 at 11:38 AM

To: Margaret Blank <margaret.h.blank@gmail.com>

Margaret,

I don't know about a "White Paper," however, it is well documented that tourist pay between 52 & 55% of sales tax. As for what the average person pays for sales tax annually I'm not sure, but I believe I pay more, substantially more, in ad Valorem. As for cost of fire and emergency it's simply about density & distance (ruralness) of the unincorporated areas. The information on this subject exist.

George

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 12, 2016, at 10:57 AM, Margaret Blank <margaret.h.blank@gmail.com> wrote:

So what you're telling me is that there are no documents available to support the claims made in the "white paper". My goodness, that's quite an admission. What else have you all lied about? Never mind. I've got a whole blog devoted to that.

The 40%/60% sales tax split was pulled out of thin air. And obviously so was the claim that locals pay 100% of the property taxes. The free-floating \$125 figure cannot be reconciled to the mathematically supported \$417 figure. And there is nothing to justify the excessive cost of fire services the county provides to the Lower and Middle Keys.

For shame. This is low even for you all.

On Fri, Feb 12, 2016 at 9:36 AM, Shillinger-Bob <Shillinger-Bob@monroecounty-fl.gov> wrote:

Margaret:

To the extent records that are responsive to your request already exist, we will provide them. To be clear, the Public Records Act does not impose any duty or obligation to create records or to respond questions posed.

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