



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Public Hearing

H.3.

4/20/2021

Subject:

Public Hearing, Re: Approval of Fire Assessment Rate Adjustment of up to thirty-five percent (35%).

Fiscal Impact:

Adjustment to the Fire Assessment rate resulting in up to \$8,770,650 in additional revenue annually.

Dept/Office:

Fire Rescue

Requested Action:

Request three actions for Board consideration:

- (1) Approval of an adjustment up to 35% in FY2021-22 to the Fire Assessment rate.

Options:

- (a) 35% increase - \$8.77M
- (b) 29% increase - \$7.27M
- (c) any other increase (less than 35%) approved by the Board

with a further annual adjustment to the rate equal to the change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3%, whichever is lower, until such time that further action is considered by the Board.

- (2) The Board may wish to consider allocating general fund revenue replacement that becomes available through the American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Fire Assessment, estimated to be \$8.5M . This amount could be utilized by the Board to reduce the determined Fire Assessment rate in action (1) above by an adjustment (reduction of the proposed increase) of 4%.

These funds would be allocated and spent incrementally over a 7-year period to cover Fire Assessment requirements and would result in similar amounts of revenue being collected during the same 7-year period. If this item is approved, the Special Assessment resolution will be adjusted to reflect the updated Fire Assessment with the reduction caused by the increase in \$8.5M revenue being allocated from the general fund once the revenue replacement funds become available.

- (3) Authorize the Chair to sign the Rate Resolution subject to changes necessary to reflect the Board of County Commissioner's approval upon review by the County Attorney.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The current Fire Assessment methodology was developed in 2008 and upon public hearing and Board approval was implemented for fiscal year 2009 at a rate 15% below that recommended by the consultant. Between 2009 and 2018 no adjustment was made to the Fire Assessment rate resulting in a 0% increase in the rate during this period. A 6% Fire Assessment rate adjustment with annual in change Consumer Price Index (CPI) was approved by the Board in 2018 and became effective 2019. For thirteen years, population and operational demand have increased while the Fire Assessment revenues were not sufficient to fund the Fire Operation expenses. This resulted in a depletion of reserves which were utilized to provide current service levels; creating a need for the proposed Fire Assessment rate adjustment.

On March 9, 2021, the Board approved the advertisement of a public hearing to consider up to a 35% Fire Assessment rate adjustment using the existing approved Fire Assessment methodology with annual adjustments equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3%, whichever is lower.

Proposed option (1) (a) would provide flexibility to accelerate the time frame for addressing the wage disparity between Brevard County and identified 2021 comparables of surrounding jurisdictions. Additionally, this adjustment will accomplish four things: 1) add floater pool positions to help resolve overtime issues, 2) meet mission critical standards for capital purchases, 3) invest in aging infrastructure, and 4) meet future capacity requirements due to community growth.

Proposed option (1) (b) would focus investment to entry level and high attrition Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter Paramedic positions with a salary in a range with identified 2021 comparables of surrounding jurisdictions within three years. This option also covers future capacity requirements due to growth and adds the positions needed in the floater pool to help resolve overtime issues.

For this public hearing, the Department has met all statutory requirements for public notifications. This agenda item and attached rate resolution has been coordinated with the County Attorney's Office.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Based on the Board's approval, a Rate Resolution for signature will be provided by the Fire Rescue Department



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chief Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Rescue Director Attn: Pamela Barrett

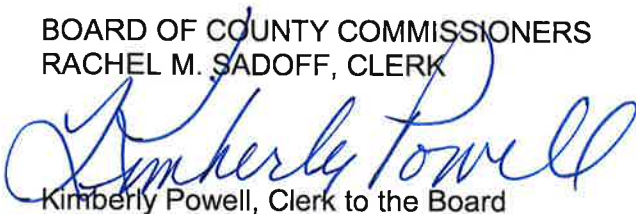
RE: Item H.3., Public Hearing for Approval of Fire Assessment Rate Adjustment of up to Thirty-Five Percent (35%)

This is to amend the Memorandum dated April 21, 2021. The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 20, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-044, **increasing Fire Assessment rates by 29 percent from rates that were adopted in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which is the result of implementing a 33 percent increase in Fire Assessment funding offset by allocating General Fund revenue replacement available through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which is estimated to be \$8.5 million and to be spent incrementally over a 7-year period to cover Fire Assessment requirements; and directed the County Manager to schedule an audit of Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) for the upcoming audit cycle and to make the results available to the general public. Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.**

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

Encl. (1)

cc: Public Safety Director
Finance
Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-044

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPOSED AGAINST ALL IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BENEFIT AREA OF BREVARD COUNTY BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, Brevard County Fire Rescue is the primary source of fire services for all of unincorporated Brevard County as well as the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "COUNTY") is responsible to fund the Brevard County Fire Rescue Department through the annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, grants the Board of County Commissioners (the "COUNTY") the power to utilize the Uniform Method for collecting special non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2006, the COUNTY adopted Ordinance No. 06-045 expressing the intent of the Board to adopt a Fire Services Special Assessment, later amending it on September 9, 2008 by Ordinance 2008-35; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Services Special Assessment is currently codified at Section 98-46 through 98-59 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, Section 98-54 of the Code states that if the assessment is increased from that imposed in the prior year, the procedures required by state law for the establishment and collection of a new non-ad valorem assessment, including a public hearing, shall be followed, and

WHEREAS, the benefit area for the imposition of the Fire Service Special Assessment includes the unincorporated areas of Brevard County, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fire Services Special Assessment is to require owners of improved property within the benefit area to fund their proportionate share of the cost to the County to provide fire service which ensures the proper health, safety and welfare of each citizen, visitor and their properties; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously determined that improved real property in the benefit area is specially benefitted by the availability of fire protection services, including such benefits as lower insurance premiums and enhanced property values; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY commissioned a report by Burton and Associates (the "Report") in 2008 to analyze the appropriate apportionment of the non-ad valorem assessment among benefited residential properties receiving fire rescue service; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously found that it is equitable and appropriate to levy annual non-ad valorem assessments upon all benefited property within its jurisdiction for the purpose of providing high quality fire services including first response capability; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously found and determined that the apportionment and assessment methodologies currently in place and set forth in the Report fairly, reasonably, and equitably distribute the costs of fire rescue services among all benefited residential properties served by Brevard County and reasonably apportion the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment among all property categories subject to the special assessment in accordance with the benefits conferred by the availability of fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2008, the COUNTY approved discounting the fire assessment rate advocated in the Report by 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the financial reserves for Brevard County Fire Rescue have significantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018 the COUNTY approved incremental increases in the fire assessment in an attempt to bring it back to the rate it was before the change in 2008, however, the operational costs have still outpaced revenue and the reserves remain low; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Brevard County Government Center, Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida to consider an increase to the Fire Service Special Assessment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 197.3632(4)(b), at least twenty days prior to the hearing, notice by first-class mail was sent to each person owning property subject to the assessment and notice of said public hearing was published in FLORIDA TODAY newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing occurred on April 20, 2021 to consider the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners:

Section 1. RECITATIONS.

The foregoing recitations are true and correct and by this reference incorporated herein.

Section 2. FINDINGS.

It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that:

- A) The purpose of the Fire Services Special Assessment is to require owners of improved property within the benefit area to fund their proportionate share of the

cost to the County to provide fire service which ensures the proper health, safety and welfare of each citizen, visitor and their properties.

- B) The Fire Services Special Assessment will be charged to all improved real property within the benefit area of Brevard County.
- C) The effort and resources necessary to mitigate fires is dependent on the possible volume of and type of fire fuel load within the improved property, as determined by historical national data, and standards adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- D) The suppression of fires on unimproved real property (vacant property) primarily benefits adjacent improved property by containing the spread of fire rather than preserving the value of the vacant parcel or the use of any surface improvements. Therefore, unimproved real properties are exempt from the Fire Services Special Assessment as defined by Brevard County Ordinances Chapter 98, Article II, Division 3, Section 98-52 7.04 and 7.05.
- E) It is equitable and appropriate to increase the levy of annual non-ad valorem assessments upon all benefited property within the benefit area for the purpose of providing and maintaining an appropriate level of fire services including first response capability.
- F) A rate increase, applied equally across all categories of the apportionment and assessment methodologies set forth in the 2008 Report, continues to fairly and reasonably apportion the costs of fire services among all benefited residential and non-residential properties served by Brevard County in accordance with the benefits conferred by the availability of fire protection services.
- G) Improved real property in the benefit area are specially benefitted by the availability of fire protection services, including such benefits as lower fire insurance premiums and enhanced property values.
- H) Rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment will be increased by twenty-nine (29) percent in Fiscal Year 2021, followed by a rate adjustment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or three (3) percent, whichever is lower, on an annual basis, until such time as further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners. The twenty-nine (29) percent rate increase will start in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

Section 3. SCHEDULE ADOPTED.

The COUNTY does hereby adopt the schedule of rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment attached hereto as Schedule "A", effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Section 4: DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this schedule of rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment, the following definitions shall apply:

- A) Improved Real Property: Refers to parcels upon which a building or structure exists.

- B) Unimproved Real Property: Refers to parcels that are vacant – no buildings or structures are shown in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database.
- C) Multi-family: Residential properties that are connected by at least one wall to another residential property (i.e. apartment buildings, triplex, condominiums, etc.), or where more than one residential structure exists on a single parcel.
- D) Single Family: Residential buildings or structures designed or constructed for and capable of use by one family regardless of the type of structure. Such term includes single family residence, mobile home, manufactured home, a condominium parcel used for a mobile or manufactured home, manufactured home cooperative or a condominium park home that is erected on a separate parcel of property.
- E) Governmental Property: Properties owned by any governmental entity, including Federal, State, County and Municipality.
- F) Managed Land: Unimproved property that meets the Use Code description/use for agricultural purposes.
- G) Agricultural Pole Barns: Nonresidential farm building in which 70 percent or more of the perimeter walls are permanently open and allow free ingress and egress.
- H) Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park/Property: Means those parcels which are lawfully used as rental or condominium park settings for recreational vehicles and which are regulated by the Florida Department of Health pursuant to Chapter 513, Florida Statutes.
- I) Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Park Property: Means those parcels with a Use Code description which is lawfully used as a rental park setting for mobile or manufactured homes or the like.
- J) Building Area: The adjusted area of a building expressed in square feet and reflected on the Tax Roll or, in the event such information is not reflected or determined not to be accurately reflected on the Tax Roll, that area determined by the County. For residential parcels, "Building Area" refers to the "Living Area" field in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database.
- K) Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins): The classification of properties into ranges, or "bins", based on building area square footage.
- L) Use Code: The property use code assigned by the Property Appraiser to Tax Parcels within the Benefit Area. A list of Use Codes is attached hereto as Schedule "B".
- M) Base Rate Benefit Factor or Base Rate Factor: The multiplier (either 1.00, .58, .42, or .00) applied to fairly and reasonably apportion the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment among residential properties, other than those residential uses designated "Multifamily" or "Mobile Home Park (MHP)." The Base Rate Benefit Factor derives from each parcel's "base rate", which is a value maintained in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database, and which represents the building cost per square foot which serves as the basis for the Property Appraiser's periodic appraisal of the value of the parcels within Brevard County.

- N) Billing Unit: The number of residential, commercial or improved parcels within the benefit area.
- O) Fire Services: Provides for 24 hour a day, 7 day a week fire services on standby for first response to medical and fire emergencies.
- P) "Special Assessment" or "Fire Services Special Assessment" or "non-ad valorem assessment": The Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment that may be used to pay for all and/or a portion of the cost to the County for providing fire services within the Benefit Area.
- Q) Hazard Code: The Hazard Codes developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for the fire service using research and historical data to determine the water flow needed for fire suppression. Hazard Codes are based on the risk, occupancy and contents, associated with the use of the property. The Hazard Codes are .08 (light hazard), .13 (ordinary hazard, group 1), .18 (ordinary hazard, group 2) and .30 (extra hazard). See Schedule B.
- R) Benefit Area: The unincorporated area of Brevard County, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne.
- S) Tax Parcel: A parcel of property located within the Benefit Area to which the Property Appraiser has assigned a distinct ad valorem property tax identification number.

Section 5: CALCULATION OF FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT.

A) Residential Parcel Apportionment.

- 1) **Building Area.** The variation in Building Area of residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services. Typically, the greater the Building Area of a dwelling unit, the greater the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums, and enhancement of property value). Therefore, apportioning the special assessment among residential properties relative to Building Area is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment.
 - a) **Residential Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins).** All residential properties were evaluated and seven (7) primary residential Building Area Classification Ranges, or "bins", were defined that resulted in a rational distribution of residential properties among the bins such that similar numbers of properties fall above the median building size and below the median building size. This approach results in a fair and reasonable distribution of the residential parcels among the bins.
- 2) **Base Rate Benefit Factor.** The variation in relative building value of residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums, and enhancement of property value). The

Base Rate Benefit Factor assigned to residential properties (derived from each parcel's Base Rate, which is a value maintained in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database and which represents the building cost per square foot which serves as the basis for the Property Appraiser's periodic appraisal of the value of parcels within Brevard County) reflects the proportionate difference in typical building value between various types of residential property. For example, the building value of manufactured and mobile home residential property is typically lower than for conventional single-family residential property, and therefore manufactured and mobile home assessments should be proportionately lower than single-family home assessments to reflect the lower special benefit received by manufactured and mobile home units. Therefore, apportioning the Fire Services Special Assessment among residential properties relative to Base Rate Benefit Factor is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment.

- 3) Residential Assessment Rates. Residential assessment rates shall be developed by deriving an equivalent residential unit (ERU) value for each residential property which is the product of its ERU size factor (based on Building Area Classification Ranges) and its Base Rate Benefit Factor. A residential Fire Services Special Assessment value per ERU shall be determined and a schedule of residential Fire Services Special Assessment rates by Building Area Classification Range (Bin) and Base Rate Benefit Factor shall be developed. Within each Building Area Classification Range (Bin), parcels in the base rate groups with lower Base Rate Benefit Factors will have lower assessments than parcels in the same Bin but with a higher Base Rate Benefit Factor. Likewise, within each base rate group, parcels in smaller size Bins will have a lower assessment and parcels in the larger size Bins will have a larger assessment. Using this apportionment methodology, the distribution of the Fire Services Special Assessment is fairly and reasonably representative of the benefit derived by the parcels within the Benefit Area, in consideration of the finding that benefit is derived by protection against loss of the square footage and economic value of the primary residential building on the parcel, reduction of casualty insurance premiums, and enhanced property value conferred by virtue of the County's being ready, willing and able to respond to and suppress fires with the proper equipment and manpower and within a reasonable range of response time.
- B) Non-Residential Parcel Apportionment. The variation in Building Area of non-residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services. Typically, the greater the Building Area of a dwelling unit, the greater the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums,

and enhancement of property value). Further, the variation in the Hazard Code of non-residential properties affects the benefit conferred by availability of fire protection services, and the cost of provision of those services. Hazard Codes are based on the risk, occupancy, and contents associated with the use of the property. Therefore, apportioning the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment among non-residential properties relative to Building Area and Hazard Code is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment. Hazard (Haz) Codes have been broken down into 4 categories of properties: Light Hazard, Ordinary Hazard-Group 1, Ordinary Hazard-Group 2, and Extra Hazard. The primary property use as designated by the Property Appraiser is the determining factor of the Haz Code and rates assigned to the parcel.

Section 6. EXEMPTION.

- A) Based on the current methodology of property use, the County will not assess unimproved parcels (vacant land and managed vacant agricultural properties) as defined by Brevard County Ordinances Chapter 98, Article II, Division 3, Section 98-52 7.04 and 7.05 for the Fire Services Special Assessment. The financial burden of responding to fires at these properties will fall upon the Fire Fighter Support Referendum MSTU. Each previous year's costs for wild land/vacant land firefighting will be documented and added to the MSTU in the amount necessary to recoup the expended funds.
- B) The Board designated certain governmental and non-for-profit property uses be exempt from the Fire Services Special Assessment. The property use codes are shown on Schedule "B".
- C) The Board is also authorized to approve Errors and Insolvencies for those properties not provided a special benefit by the Fire Service.
- D) To the extent allowable by law or judicial decision, in the event any exemption, partial exemption, or credit provided for in this resolution is determined to be invalid for any reason, the Board directs the County Manager to transfer sufficient monies from a reserve or contingency fund, as a loan to be repaid from future assessments or other revenue sources, to provide funding for the portion of the fire services budget represented by the revenues that would have been collected if the exemption had not been enacted.

Section 7. SPECIAL USER RATES REMAIN IN EFFECT.

The user fees and charges for hazardous materials special operations team response and fire prevention and inspection for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 remain in effect until further consideration by the Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget process.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such

portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Done and Adopted in regular session by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, this 20th day of April, 2021.

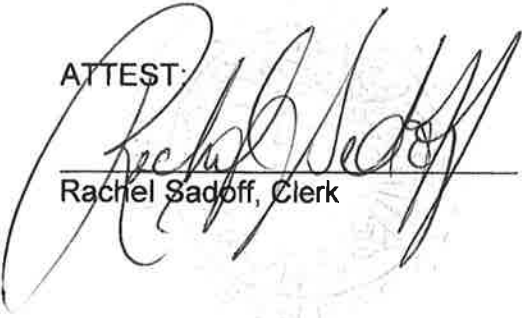
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: 

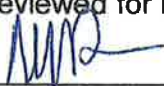
Rita Pritchett, Chair

As approved by the Board on: 4-20-2021

ATTEST:


Rachel Sadoff, Clerk

Reviewed for legal form and content:


Assistant County Attorney

SCHEDULE "A"

ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Section 1. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY:

The following schedules provide the Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins), Base Rate Factor, and assessment rate for residential properties based on Use Codes.

Sq-Ft Based Adjusted by Base Rate Benefit Factor for Specific Residential Property
as Defined Below

-Schedule 1 of 4-

Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	1.00	55.81
701	1100	0.56	1.00	142.06
1101	1400	0.78	1.00	197.86
1401	1800	1.00	1.00	253.67
1801	2200	1.25	1.00	317.09
2201	2600	1.50	1.00	380.52
2601	1000000	1.75	1.00	443.93

Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0110	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
0121	½ DUPLEX USED AS SFR
0135	TOWNHOUSE
0164	RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0414	CONDOMINIUM UNIT
0421	TIME SHARE CONDO
0430	CONDOMINIUM- RESIDENTIAL UNIT USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER UNIT
0437	CONDO MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/IMPROVEMENTS (WITH MANUFACTURED HOME)
0464	CONDOMINIUM NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY

Use Code	Code Description
0514	COOPERATIVE
0522	CO-OP MANUFACTURED HOME-IMPROVED
0564	CO-OP NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0815	HOUSE AND IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
5110	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I WITH RESIDENCE
5210	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II WITH RESIDENCE
5310	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III WITH RESIDENCE
6010	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I WITH RESIDENCE
6110	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II WITH RESIDENCE
6210	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III WITH RESIDENCE
6310	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV WITH RESIDENCE
6410	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V WITH RESIDENCE
6510	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI WITH RESIDENCE
6680	COMBINATION-PART ORCHARD GROVES AND PART PASTURE LAND WITH RESIDENCE
6691	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS WITH RESIDENCE

-Schedule 2 of 4 –

Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.58	32.37
701	1100	0.56	0.58	82.39
1101	1400	0.78	0.58	114.77
1401	1800	1.00	0.58	147.12
1801	2200	1.25	0.58	183.92
2201	2600	1.50	0.58	220.71
2601	1000000	1.75	0.58	257.48

Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0113	SINGLE FAMILY – MODULAR
0213	MANUFACTURED HOUSING – DOUBLE
0214	MANUFACTURED HOUSING – TRIPLE

- Schedule 3 of 4 -

Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.42	23.45
701	1100	0.56	0.42	59.67
1101	1400	0.78	0.42	83.11
1401	1800	1.00	0.42	106.54
1801	2200	1.25	0.42	133.17
2201	2600	1.50	0.42	159.81
2601	1000000	1.75	0.42	186.44

Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0041	CONDOMINIUM/RV UNIT WITH UTILITIES
0212	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-SINGLE
0232	RESIDENTIAL RELATED AMMENITY ON MANUFACTURED HOME SITE
0237	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENTS (WITH MANUFACTURED HOME)
0264	MANUFACTURED HOME NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0422	CONDOMINIUM – MANUFACTURED HOME PARK
0438	CONDOMINIUM – IMPROVED WITH NO MANUFACTURED HOME
0441	CONDOMINIUM WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS
0537	COOPERATIVE-MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME
0538	CO-OP IMPROVED (WITHOUT MANUFACTURED HOME)
6610	ORCHARD GROVES – ALL GROVES WITH RESIDENCE

Use Code	Code Description
6640	ORCHARD GROVES - PART GROVE AND PART NOT PLANTED WITH RESIDENCE
6810	DAIRIES WITH RESIDENCE
6910	NURSERY- WITH RESIDENCE

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Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.00	0.00
701	1100	0.56	0.00	0.00
1101	1400	0.78	0.00	0.00
1401	1800	1.00	0.00	0.00
1801	2200	1.25	0.00	0.00
2201	2600	1.50	0.00	0.00
2601	1000000	1.75	0.00	0.00

Use Code Descriptions

Use Code	Code Description
0238	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT WITH IMPROVEMENTS (NO MANUFACTURED HOME)
0239	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS (NO MANUFACTURED HOME)
0541	CO-OP WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Section 2. Rates for Multi-Family Residential (MF) based on Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins).

1) 0 - 2,500 base area	\$413.37
2) 2,501 – 5,000 base area	\$655.82
3) 5,001 – 10,000 base area	\$1,164.96
4) 10,001 – 20,000 base area	\$1,540.75
5) 20,001 – 50,000 base area	\$3,371.23

6) 50,001 - 100,000 base area	\$4,886.52
7) 100,001 – 150,000 base area	\$10,099.14
8) 150,001 – 250,000 base area	\$13,978.29
9) 250,001 and up base area	\$25,494.54

Section 3. Rates for Recreational Vehicle (RV) Property without utilities:

All sites	\$0.00
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Section 4. Rates for Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Parks:

1) 4 - 9 spaces (MHP1)	\$334.58
2) 10 – 25 spaces (MHP2)	\$578.81
3) 26 – 50 spaces (MHP3)	\$849.78
4) 51 – 100 spaces (MHP4)	\$2,189.30
5) 101 – 150 spaces (MHP5)	\$2,916.65
6) 151 – 200 spaces (MHP6)	\$4,401.63
7) 201 and up spaces (MHP7)	\$10,462.81

Section 5. NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

Each parcel will have one (1) billing unit, and the Building Area of all structures on the site will determine the range the parcel falls into for rates. When a Building Area is not available, but the Property Appraiser indicates structures exist on the parcel, the minimum charge by category will apply. Please see schedule B for the listing of property uses (use codes) and Haz Code assignments.

- a. Non-residential properties assigned the Light Hazard Code (0.08) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 339.43
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 407.32
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 504.30
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 649.76
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 795.23
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 1,280.13
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 2,249.92
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 3,219.70
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 4,189.49
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 5,587.13

- b. Non-residential properties assigned the Ordinary Hazard-Group 1 Hazard Code (0.13) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 357.62
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 467.93
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 625.52
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 861.90
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 1,098.29
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 1,886.24
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 3,462.15
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 5,038.06
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 6,613.97
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 8,189.87

- c. Non-residential properties assigned the Ordinary Hazard-Group 2 Hazard Code (0.18) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 375.79
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 528.54
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 746.74
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 1,074.05
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 1,401.35
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 2,492.36
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 4,674.39
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 6,856.41
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 9,038.44
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 11,220.46

- d. Non-residential properties assigned the Extra Hazard Code (0.3) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 419.44
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 674.01
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 1,037.68
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 1,583.19
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 2,128.69
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 3,947.05
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 7,583.75
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 11,220.46
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 14,857.17
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 18,493.88

SCHEDULE "B"

ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LISTING OF PROPERTY USE CODES WITH BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME PARK (MHP) OR HAZARD CODE ASSIGNMENT

In the event that a new property use code is established by the Property Appraiser, and it is not included within this schedule, the Fire Rescue Director has the authority to designate the Base Rate Benefit Factor, Multi-Family Residential, Manufactured/Mobile Home Park (MHP) or Hazard Code based on the "best fit" of property uses included in this schedule.

PROPERTY/USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION	BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR (BF), <u>HAZ CODE (HC), MULTI-FAMILY</u> <u>(MF) OR MAN. HOME PARK</u> <u>(MHP) RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:</u>
41	CONDOMINIUM /RECREATIONAL VEHICLE UNIT WITH UTILITIES	BF 0.42
110	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
113	MODULAR HOME	BF 0.58
121	1/2 DUPLEX USED AS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
135	TOWNHOUSE	BF 1.00
164	RESIDEN. IMPRVMT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
212	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-SINGLE	BF 0.42
213	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-DOUBLE	BF 0.58
214	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-TRIPLE	BF 0.58
232	RESIDENTIAL RELATED AMMENITY ON MFG HOME SITE	BF 0.42
237	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT IMPRVMT W/HOME	BF 0.42
238	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.00
239	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT NO HOME	BF 0.00
264	MANUFACTURED HOME NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 0.42
351	GARDEN APARTMENTS – 1 STORY – 10 TO 49 UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
352	GARDEN APARTMENTS – 1 STORY – 50 UNITS AND UP	MF MULTI-FAMILY
353	LOW RISE APARTMENTS 10-49 UNITS 2/3 STORIES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
354	LOW RISE APARTMENTS 50 UNITS AND UP 2/3 STORIES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
355	HIGH RISE APARTMENTS- 4 STORIES AND UP	MF MULTI-FAMILY

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356	TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
414	CONDOMINIUM UNIT	BF 1.00
421	TIME SHARE CONDO	BF 1.00
422	CONDOMINIUM-MANUFACTURED HOME PARK	BF 0.42
430	CONDOMINIUM – RES USED IN CONJUNCTION W/OTH UNIT	BF 1.00
437	CONDO MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME	BF 1.00
438	CONDOMINIUM – IMPROVED R.V. LOT – NO R.V	BF 0.42
441	CONDOMINIUM UNIT WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.42
464	CONDOMINIUM NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
514	COOPERATIVE UNIT	BF 1.00
522	COOPERATIVE-MANUFACTURED HOME-IMPROVED	BF 1.00
537	COOPERATIVE-MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME	BF 0.42
538	COOPERATIVE-IMPROVED (W/OUT MANUF. HOME)	BF 0.42
541	CO-OP WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.00
564	CO-OP NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
719	BED AND BREAKFAST	MF MULTI-FAMILY
815	HOUSE AND IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
817	HOUSE AND MOBILE HOME	MF MULTI-FAMILY
818	TWO OR THREE MOBILE HOMES – NOT A PARK	MF MULTI-FAMILY
819	TWO RESIDENTIAL UNITS-NOT ATTACHED	MF MULTI-FAMILY
820	DUPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
830	TRIPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
834	TOWNHOUSE – TWO OR MORE UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
837	TWO OR MORE MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOTS W/HOMES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
838	TWO OR MORE MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOTS W/IMPRVMT	MF MULTI-FAMILY
839	THREE OR FOUR LIVING UNITS – NOT ATTACHE	MF MULTI-FAMILY
840	QUADRUPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
850	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITS (5 TO 9 UNITS)	MF MULTI-FAMILY
855	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITES – CONVERTED – 2 TO 9 UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY

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859	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITS (5 TO 9 UNITS) NOT ATTACHED	MF MULTI-FAMILY
860	MISC RESIDENTIAL (MIGRANT CAMPS, ETC)	MF MULTI-FAMILY
864	MULTI-FAMILY IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUP	MF MULTI-FAMILY
5110	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
5210	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
5310	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6010	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CLASS I W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6110	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6210	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CLASS III W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6310	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6410	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6510	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6610	ORCHARD GROVE – ALL GROVE W/RESIDENCE	BF 0.42
6640	ORCHARD GROVE – PT GROVE & PT NOT PLANTED W/RESID	BF 0.42
6680	COMBINATION – PT ORCHARD GROVE & PT PASTURE W/RESID	BF 1.00
6691	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6810	DAIRIES-WITH RESIDENCE	BF 0.42
6910	NURSERY WITH RESIDENCE	BF 0.42

MOBILE HOME/MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS:

PROPERTY/USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION	BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR (BF), <u>HAZ CODE (HC), MULTI-FAMILY (MF) OR MAN. HOME PARK (MHP) RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:</u>
2890	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 4 TO 9 SPACES	MHP1 MHP 4-9 SPACES
2891	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 10 TO 25 SPACES	MHP2 MHP 10-25 SPACES
2892	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 26 TO 50 SPACES	MHP3 MHP 26-50 SPACES
2893	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 51 TO 100 SPACES	MHP4 MHP 51-100 SPACES
2894	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 101 TO 150 SPACES	MHP5 MHP 101-150 SPACES
2895	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 151 TO 200 SPACES	MHP6 MHP 151-200 SPACES

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2896	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 201 AND UP SPACES	MHP7 MHP ≥201 SPACES

COMMERCIAL CATEGORY:

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433	IMPROVED CONDOMINIUM COMMON AREA	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
465	CONDOMINIUM – MISC.(NOT COVERED BY ANY OTH CODE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
616	RETIREMENT HOME	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZ GRP 1
700	MIGRANT CAMPS BOARDING HOMES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
913	IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL COMMON AREA	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1100	RETAIL STORES – 1 UNIT	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1104	CONDOMINIUM / STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1105	RETAIL DRUG STORES – (NOT ATTACHED)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1110	RETAIL STORE – MULTIPLE UNITS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1115	RETAIL TIRE STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1125	CONVENIENCE STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1130	CONVENIENCE STORE – WITH GAS PUMPS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1138	RETAIL- SHELL BUILDING	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1150	WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1204	COMMERCIAL SHELL BUILDING (CONDO)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1210	MIXED USE – COMMERCIAL PROPERTY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1222	COMMERCIAL RELATED AMENITIES	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1233	IMPROVED COMMERCIAL COMMON AREA	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1238	COMMERCIAL SHELL BUILDING (OTHER)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1264	COMMER. IMPROVE. NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1300	DEPARTMENT STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1400	SUPERMARKET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1500	SHOPPING MALL	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2

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1600	SHOPPING COMPLEX-COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1610	SHOPPING CENTER - NEIGHBORHOOD	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1700	OFFICE BUILDING – 1 STORY – SINGLE TENAN	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1704	CONDOMINIUM OFFICE UNIT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1710	OFFICE BUILDING – MULTI TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1715	OFFICE BUILDING-MODULAR	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1738	OFFICE- SHELL BUILDING	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1800	OFFICE BUILDING – SINGLE TENANT – 2+ STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1810	OFFICE BUILDING-MULTI TENANT-2 + STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1900	PROFESSIONAL BLDG-SINGLE TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1910	PROFESSIONAL BLDG-MULTI TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1920	PROFESSIONAL BUILDING-SINGLE TENANT – 2+STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1930	PROFESSIONAL BUILDING- MULTI TENANT- 2+STORIES	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1940	PROFESSIONAL/OFFICE COMPLEX	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1950	DAY CARE CENTER	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1960	RADIO OR T.V. STATION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2000	AIRPORTS – PRIVATE	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
2010	AIRPORTS – COMMERCIAL	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
2015	MARINAS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2100	RESTAURANT / CAFETERIA	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2104	RESTAURANT – CONDOMINIUM	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2110	FAST FOOD RESTAURANT	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2300	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2310	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION – BRANCH FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2400	INSURANCE CO. – OFFICE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2500	SERVICE SHOP RADIO AND T.V. REPAIR REF	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2600	SERVICE STATION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2700	DEALERSHIP SALES / SERVICE CENTER	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2710	GARAGE / AUTO BODY/AUTO PAINT SHOP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2715	MINI-LUB SERVICE SPECIALIST	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2

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2720	CAR WASH	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2730	USED AUTOMOBILE SALES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2740	RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES/NEW OR USED	HC0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2800	PARKING LOT – COMMERCIAL	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2810	PARKING LOT – PATRON	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2900	WHOLESALE OUTLET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2910	PRODUCE HOUSE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3000	FLORIST	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3010	GREENHOUSE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3020	NURSERY (NON-AGRIC. CLASSIFICATION)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3030	HORSE STABLE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3040	DOG KENNEL	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
3100	THEATRE (DRIVE-IN)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3120	STADIUM – (NOT ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3200	AUDITORIUM (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3210	THEATER – (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3220	RECREATION HALL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3230	FITNESS CENTER	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3300	NIGHT CLUBS COCKTAIL LOUNGES BARS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3400	BOWLING ALLEYS SKATING RINKS AND POOL HALLS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3430	ARENA (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3440	ARENA – (OPEN AIR) WITH SUPPORTING FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3450	FLEA MARKET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3500	TOURIST ATTRACTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3510	PERMANENT EXHIBIT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3600	CAMP – (OTHER THAN FOR MOBILE HOMES)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3610	CAMPGROUND (TRAILERS CAMPERS AND TENTS)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3693	LABOR CAMP	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3700	RACE TRACK / WAGERING ATTRACTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3710	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2

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3720	POSTAL FACILITY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3800	GOLF COURSE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3810	DRIVING RANGE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3820	COUNTRY CLUB / SUPPORT FACILITIE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3900	MOTOR INN	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3905	BED AND BREAKFAST	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3910	LIMITED SERVICE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3920	FULL SERVICE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3930	EXTENDED STAY OR SUITE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3940	LUXURY HOTEL/RESORT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3950	CONVENTION HOTEL/RESORT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3970	MOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3972	MOTEL – WITH RESTAURANT	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4100	LIGHT MANUFACTURING – SMALL EQUIP. MFG. PLANTS/SHOP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4200	HEAVY INDUSTRIAL – HEAVY EQUIP.MFG. LAR, MACH SHOPS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4300	LUMBER YARD SAWMILL PLANING MILL	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
4400	PACKING PLANT – FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACK	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4500	CANNERIES FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOTTLERS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4600	OTH FOOD PROCESSING – CANDY, BAKERY, POTATO CHIP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4700	MINERAL PROCESSING PHOSPHATE, ROCKS, GRAVEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
4710	CONCRETE / ASPHALT PLANT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
4800	WAREHOUSING DISTRIB TERMINALS, TRUCK TERM, VAN & ST	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4804	CONDOMINIUM – WAREHOUSING	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4810	MINI – WAREHOUSING	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4830	WAREHOUSING – FLEX SPACE	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4840	COLD STRG & WAREHS DISTRIB CTR	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
4900	OPEN STORAGE-NEW/USED BLDG SUPPLY, JUNKYD, AUTO WR	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1

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5120	CROP LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I –W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5220	CROP LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5320	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5410	TIMBERLAND-SLASHPINE INDEX 90 & ABOVE W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5510	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 80 TO 89 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5610	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 70 TO 79 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5710	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 60 TO 69 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5810	TIMBERLAND-SLASHPINE INDEX 50 TO 59 WITH IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5910	TIMBERLAND- NOT CLASSIFIED BY SITE INDEX W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6020	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6120	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6220	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6320	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6420	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6520	SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI WITH BUILDINGS O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6620	ORCHARD GROVES – ALL GROVES W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6650	ORCHARD GROVE-PT GROVE & PT NOT PLANTED W/BLDG	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6670	COMBIN. – PT ORCHARD GROVE & PT PASTURE W/BLDG	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6692	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS W/BUILDINGS O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6700	POULTRY FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6720	TROPICAL FISH FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD

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6730	BEE (HONEY) FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6800	DAIRIES-WITH BUILDINGS OTHER THAN RESIDENCE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6920	NURSERY W/BUILDING OTHER THAN RESIDENCE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7200	SCHOOL – PRIVATE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7210	SCHOOL – PRIVATE CHURCH OWNED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7220	COLLEGE –PRIVATE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7230	FRATERNITY OR SORORITY HOME	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7300	HOSPITAL –GENERAL-PRIVATELY OWNED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7400	HOME FOR THE AGED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7500	ASSISTED CARE LIVING FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7510	CHILDRENS HOME	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7515	NON-PROFIT OR CHARITABLE SERVICES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7600	MORTUARY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7610	CEMETERY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7620	CREMATORIUM	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
7700	CLUBS LODGES AND UNION HALLS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7800	GYMNASIUM	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7820	LIBRARY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7841	CONVALESCENT HOME (NURSING HOME)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
8500	HOSPITAL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9100	UTILITY – GAS COMPANIES – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9120	UTILITY – ELECTRIC COMPANIES – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9140	UTILITY – TEL AND TEL – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9465	IMPROVEMENT – NOT SUITABLE FOR ANY OTHER CODE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPOSED AGAINST ALL IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BENEFIT AREA OF BREVARD COUNTY BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, Brevard County Fire Rescue is the primary source of fire services for all of unincorporated Brevard County as well as the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "COUNTY") is responsible to fund the Brevard County Fire Rescue Department through the annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, grants the Board of County Commissioners (the "COUNTY") the power to utilize the Uniform Method for collecting special non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2006, the COUNTY adopted Ordinance No. 06-045 expressing the intent of the Board to adopt a Fire Services Special Assessment, later amending it on September 9, 2008 by Ordinance 2008-35; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Services Special Assessment is currently codified at Section 98-46 through 98-59 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, Section 98-54 of the Code states that if the assessment is increased from that imposed in the prior year, the procedures required by state law for the establishment and collection of a new non-ad valorem assessment, including a public hearing, shall be followed, and

WHEREAS, the benefit area for the imposition of the Fire Service Special Assessment includes the unincorporated areas of Brevard County, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fire Services Special Assessment is to require owners of improved property within the benefit area to fund their proportionate share of the cost to the County to provide fire service which ensures the proper health, safety and welfare of each citizen, visitor and their properties; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously determined that improved real property in the benefit area is specially benefitted by the availability of fire protection services, including such benefits as lower insurance premiums and enhanced property values; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY commissioned a report by Burton and Associates (the "Report") in 2008 to analyze the appropriate apportionment of the non-ad valorem assessment among benefitted residential properties receiving fire rescue service; and

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WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously found that it is equitable and appropriate to levy annual non-ad valorem assessments upon all benefited property within its jurisdiction for the purpose of providing high quality fire services including first response capability; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has previously found and determined that the apportionment and assessment methodologies currently in place and set forth in the Report fairly, reasonably, and equitably distribute the costs of fire rescue services among all benefited residential properties served by Brevard County and reasonably apportion the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment among all property categories subject to the special assessment in accordance with the benefits conferred by the availability of fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2008, the COUNTY approved discounting the fire assessment rate advocated in the Report by 15 percent; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the financial reserves for Brevard County Fire Rescue have significantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018 the COUNTY approved incremental increases in the fire assessment in an attempt to bring it back to the rate it was before the change in 2008, however, the operational costs have still outpaced revenue and the reserves remain low; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Brevard County Government Center, Commission Board Room, Building C, Level 1, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida to consider an increase to the Fire Service Special Assessment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 197.3632(4)(b), at least twenty days prior to the hearing, notice by first-class mail was sent to each person owning property subject to the assessment and notice of said public hearing was published in FLORIDA TODAY newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing occurred on April 20, 2021 to consider the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners:

Section 1. RECITATIONS.

The foregoing recitations are true and correct and by this reference incorporated herein.

Section 2. FINDINGS.

It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that:

- A) The purpose of the Fire Services Special Assessment is to require owners of improved property within the benefit area to fund their proportionate share of the

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cost to the County to provide fire service which ensures the proper health, safety and welfare of each citizen, visitor and their properties.

- B) The Fire Services Special Assessment will be charged to all improved real property within the benefit area of Brevard County.
- C) The effort and resources necessary to mitigate fires is dependent on the possible volume of and type of fire fuel load within the improved property, as determined by historical national data, and standards adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- D) The suppression of fires on unimproved real property (vacant property) primarily benefits adjacent improved property by containing the spread of fire rather than preserving the value of the vacant parcel or the use of any surface improvements. Therefore, unimproved real properties are exempt from the Fire Services Special Assessment as defined by Brevard County Ordinances Chapter 98, Article II, Division 3, Section 98-52 7.04 and 7.05.
- E) It is equitable and appropriate to increase the levy of annual non-ad valorem assessments upon all benefited property within the benefit area for the purpose of providing and maintaining an appropriate level of fire services including first response capability.
- F) A rate increase, applied equally across all categories of the apportionment and assessment methodologies set forth in the 2008 Report, continues to fairly and reasonably apportion the costs of fire services among all benefited residential and non-residential properties served by Brevard County in accordance with the benefits conferred by the availability of fire protection services.
- G) Improved real property in the benefit area are specially benefitted by the availability of fire protection services, including such benefits as lower fire insurance premiums and enhanced property values.
- H) Rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment will be increased by thirty-five (35)/twenty-nine (29) percent rate increase in Fiscal Year 2021, followed by a rate adjustment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or three (3) percent, whichever is lower, on an annual basis, until such time as further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners. The thirty-five (35)/twenty-nine (29) percent rate increase will start in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

Section 3. SCHEDULE ADOPTED.

The COUNTY does hereby adopt the schedule of rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment attached hereto as Schedule "A", effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Section 4: DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this schedule of rates for the Fire Services Special Assessment, the following definitions shall apply:

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- A) Improved Real Property: Refers to parcels upon which a building or structure exists.
- B) Unimproved Real Property: Refers to parcels that are vacant – no buildings or structures are shown in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database.
- C) Multi-family: Residential properties that are connected by at least one wall to another residential property (i.e. apartment buildings, triplex, condominiums, etc.), or where more than one residential structure exists on a single parcel.
- D) Single Family: Residential buildings or structures designed or constructed for and capable of use by one family regardless of the type of structure. Such term includes single family residence, mobile home, manufactured home, a condominium parcel used for a mobile or manufactured home, manufactured home cooperative or a condominium park home that is erected on a separate parcel of property.
- E) Governmental Property: Properties owned by any governmental entity, including Federal, State, County and Municipality.
- F) Managed Land: Unimproved property that meets the Use Code description/use for agricultural purposes.
- G) Agricultural Pole Barns: Nonresidential farm building in which 70 percent or more of the perimeter walls are permanently open and allow free ingress and egress.
- H) Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park/Property: Means those parcels which are lawfully used as rental or condominium park settings for recreational vehicles and which are regulated by the Florida Department of Health pursuant to Chapter 513, Florida Statutes.
- I) Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Park Property: Means those parcels with a Use Code description which is lawfully used as a rental park setting for mobile or manufactured homes or the like.
- J) Building Area: The adjusted area of a building expressed in square feet and reflected on the Tax Roll or, in the event such information is not reflected or determined not to be accurately reflected on the Tax Roll, that area determined by the County. For residential parcels, "Building Area" refers to the "Living Area" field in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database.
- K) Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins): The classification of properties into ranges, or "bins", based on building area square footage.
- L) Use Code: The property use code assigned by the Property Appraiser to Tax Parcels within the Benefit Area. A list of Use Codes is attached hereto as Schedule "B".
- M) Base Rate Benefit Factor or Base Rate Factor: The multiplier (either 1.00, .58, .42, or .00) applied to fairly and reasonably apportion the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment among residential properties, other than those residential uses designated "Multifamily" or "Mobile Home Park (MHP)." The Base Rate Benefit Factor derives from each parcel's "base rate", which is a value maintained in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database, and which represents the building cost per square foot which serves as the basis for the

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Property Appraiser's periodic appraisal of the value of the parcels within Brevard County.

- N) Billing Unit: The number of residential, commercial or improved parcels within the benefit area.
- O) Fire Services: Provides for 24 hour a day, 7 day a week fire services on standby for first response to medical and fire emergencies.
- P) "Special Assessment" or "Fire Services Special Assessment" or "non-ad valorem assessment": The Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment that may be used to pay for all and/or a portion of the cost to the County for providing fire services within the Benefit Area.
- Q) Hazard Code: The Hazard Codes developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for the fire service using research and historical data to determine the water flow needed for fire suppression. Hazard Codes are based on the risk, occupancy and contents, associated with the use of the property. The Hazard Codes are .08 (light hazard), .13 (ordinary hazard, group 1), .18 (ordinary hazard, group 2) and .30 (extra hazard). See Schedule B.
- R) Benefit Area: The unincorporated area of Brevard County, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, the Town of Palm Shores, and the City of West Melbourne.
- S) Tax Parcel: A parcel of property located within the Benefit Area to which the Property Appraiser has assigned a distinct ad valorem property tax identification number.

Section 5: CALCULATION OF FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT.

A) Residential Parcel Apportionment.

- 1) Building Area. The variation in Building Area of residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services. Typically, the greater the Building Area of a dwelling unit, the greater the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums, and enhancement of property value). Therefore, apportioning the special assessment among residential properties relative to Building Area is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment.
 - a) Residential Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins). All residential properties were evaluated and seven (7) primary residential Building Area Classification Ranges, or "bins", were defined that resulted in a rational distribution of residential properties among the bins such that similar numbers of properties fall above the median building size and below the median building size. This approach results in a fair and reasonable distribution of the residential parcels among the bins.
- 2) Base Rate Benefit Factor. The variation in relative building value of residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire

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protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums, and enhancement of property value). The Base Rate Benefit Factor assigned to residential properties (derived from each parcel's Base Rate, which is a value maintained in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's database and which represents the building cost per square foot which serves as the basis for the Property Appraiser's periodic appraisal of the value of parcels within Brevard County) reflects the proportionate difference in typical building value between various types of residential property. For example, the building value of manufactured and mobile home residential property is typically lower than for conventional single-family residential property, and therefore manufactured and mobile home assessments should be proportionately lower than single-family home assessments to reflect the lower special benefit received by manufactured and mobile home units. Therefore, apportioning the Fire Services Special Assessment among residential properties relative to Base Rate Benefit Factor is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment.

- 3) Residential Assessment Rates. Residential assessment rates shall be developed by deriving an equivalent residential unit (ERU) value for each residential property which is the product of its ERU size factor (based on Building Area Classification Ranges) and its Base Rate Benefit Factor. A residential Fire Services Special Assessment value per ERU shall be determined and a schedule of residential Fire Services Special Assessment rates by Building Area Classification Range (Bin) and Base Rate Benefit Factor shall be developed. Within each Building Area Classification Range (Bin), parcels in the base rate groups with lower Base Rate Benefit Factors will have lower assessments than parcels in the same Bin but with a higher Base Rate Benefit Factor. Likewise, within each base rate group, parcels in smaller size Bins will have a lower assessment and parcels in the larger size Bins will have a larger assessment. Using this apportionment methodology, the distribution of the Fire Services Special Assessment is fairly and reasonably representative of the benefit derived by the parcels within the Benefit Area, in consideration of the finding that benefit is derived by protection against loss of the square footage and economic value of the primary residential building on the parcel, reduction of casualty insurance premiums, and enhanced property value conferred by virtue of the County's being ready, willing and able to respond to and suppress fires with the proper equipment and manpower and within a reasonable range of response time.

- B) Non-Residential Parcel Apportionment. The variation in Building Area of non-residential properties affects the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services. Typically, the greater the Building Area of a dwelling unit, the

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greater the benefit conferred by the availability of fire protection services (protection against loss, lower property casualty insurance rates and premiums, and enhancement of property value). Further, the variation in the Hazard Code of non-residential properties affects the benefit conferred by availability of fire protection services, and the cost of provision of those services. Hazard Codes are based on the risk, occupancy, and contents associated with the use of the property. Therefore, apportioning the Fire Service Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment among non-residential properties relative to Building Area and Hazard Code is a fair and reasonable method of apportionment. Hazard (Haz) Codes have been broken down into 4 categories of properties: Light Hazard, Ordinary Hazard-Group 1, Ordinary Hazard-Group 2, and Extra Hazard. The primary property use as designated by the Property Appraiser is the determining factor of the Haz Code and rates assigned to the parcel.

Section 6. EXEMPTION.

- A) Based on the current methodology of property use, the County will not assess unimproved parcels (vacant land and managed vacant agricultural properties) as defined by Brevard County Ordinances Chapter 98, Article II, Division 3, Section 98-52 7.04 and 7.05 for the Fire Services Special Assessment. The financial burden of responding to fires at these properties will fall upon the Fire Fighter Support Referendum MSTU. Each previous year's costs for wild land/vacant land firefighting will be documented and added to the MSTU in the amount necessary to recoup the expended funds.
- B) The Board designated certain governmental and non-for-profit property uses be exempt from the Fire Services Special Assessment. The property use codes are shown on Schedule "B".
- C) The Board is also authorized to approve Errors and Insolvencies for those properties not provided a special benefit by the Fire Service.
- D) To the extent allowable by law or judicial decision, in the event any exemption, partial exemption, or credit provided for in this resolution is determined to be invalid for any reason, the Board directs the County Manager to transfer sufficient monies from a reserve or contingency fund, as a loan to be repaid from future assessments or other revenue sources, to provide funding for the portion of the fire services budget represented by the revenues that would have been collected if the exemption had not been enacted.

Section 7. SPECIAL USER RATES REMAIN IN EFFECT.

The user fees and charges for hazardous materials special operations team response and fire prevention and inspection for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 remain in effect until further consideration by the Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget process.

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SCHEDULE "A"

ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Section 1. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY:

The following schedules provide the Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins), Base Rate Factor, and assessment rate for residential properties based on Use Codes.

Sq-Ft Based Adjusted by Base Rate Benefit Factor for Specific Residential Property as Defined Below

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Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	1.00	58.40
701	1100	0.56	1.00	148.67
1101	1400	0.78	1.00	207.06
1401	1800	1.00	1.00	265.47
1801	2200	1.25	1.00	331.84
2201	2600	1.50	1.00	398.21
2601	1000000	1.75	1.00	464.57

Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0110	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
0121	½ DUPLEX USED AS SFR
0135	TOWNHOUSE
0164	RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0414	CONDOMINIUM UNIT
0421	TIME SHARE CONDO
0430	CONDOMINIUM- RESIDENTIAL UNIT USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER UNIT
0437	CONDO MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/IMPROVEMENTS (WITH MANUFACTURED HOME)
0464	CONDOMINIUM NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY

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Use Code	Code Description
0514	COOPERATIVE
0522	CO-OP MANUFACTURED HOME-IMPROVED
0564	CO-OP NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0815	HOUSE AND IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
5110	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I WITH RESIDENCE
5210	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II WITH RESIDENCE
5310	CROPLAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III WITH RESIDENCE
6010	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I WITH RESIDENCE
6110	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II WITH RESIDENCE
6210	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III WITH RESIDENCE
6310	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV WITH RESIDENCE
6410	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V WITH RESIDENCE
6510	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI WITH RESIDENCE
6680	COMBINATION-PART ORCHARD GROVES AND PART PASTURE LAND WITH RESIDENCE
6691	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS WITH RESIDENCE

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Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.58	33.88
701	1100	0.56	0.58	86.23
1101	1400	0.78	0.58	120.10
1401	1800	1.00	0.58	153.97
1801	2200	1.25	0.58	192.48
2201	2600	1.50	0.58	230.97
2601	1000000	1.75	0.58	269.45

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Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0113	SINGLE FAMILY – MODULAR
0213	MANUFACTURED HOUSING – DOUBLE
0214	MANUFACTURED HOUSING – TRIPLE

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Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.42	24.54
701	1100	0.56	0.42	62.45
1101	1400	0.78	0.42	86.97
1401	1800	1.00	0.42	111.50
1801	2200	1.25	0.42	139.37
2201	2600	1.50	0.42	167.24
2601	1000000	1.75	0.42	195.11

Use Code Descriptions:

Use Code	Code Description
0041	CONDOMINIUM/RV UNIT WITH UTILITIES
0212	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-SINGLE
0232	RESIDENTIAL RELATED AMMENITY ON MANUFACTURED HOME SITE
0237	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENTS (WITH MANUFACTURED HOME)
0264	MANUFACTURED HOME NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY
0422	CONDOMINIUM – MANUFACTURED HOME PARK
0438	CONDOMINIUM – IMPROVED WITH NO MANUFACTURED HOME
0441	CONDOMINIUM WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS
0537	COOPERATIVE-MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME
0538	CO-OP IMPROVED (WITHOUT MANUFACTURED HOME)
6610	ORCHARD GROVES – ALL GROVES WITH RESIDENCE

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Use Code	Code Description
6640	ORCHARD GROVES - PART GROVE AND PART NOT PLANTED WITH RESIDENCE
6810	DAIRIES WITH RESIDENCE
6910	NURSERY- WITH RESIDENCE

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Bin Range		ERU Factor	Base Rate Factor	Rate
0	700	0.22	0.00	0.00
701	1100	0.56	0.00	0.00
1101	1400	0.78	0.00	0.00
1401	1800	1.00	0.00	0.00
1801	2200	1.25	0.00	0.00
2201	2600	1.50	0.00	0.00
2601	1000000	1.75	0.00	0.00

Use Code Descriptions

Use Code	Code Description
0238	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT WITH IMPROVEMENTS (NO MANUFACTURED HOME)
0239	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS (NO MANUFACTURED HOME)
0541	CO-OP WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Section 2. Rates for Multi-Family Residential (MF) based on Building Area Classification Ranges (Bins).

1) 0 - 2,500 base area	\$432.60
2) 2,501 – 5,000 base area	\$686.32
3) 5,001 – 10,000 base area	\$1,219.14
4) 10,001 – 20,000 base area	\$1,612.41
5) 20,001 – 50,000 base area	\$3,528.03

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6) 50,001 - 100,000 base area	\$5,113.80
7) 100,001 – 150,000 base area	\$10,568.87
8) 150,001 – 250,000 base area	\$14,628.45
9) 250,001 and up base area	\$26,680.33

Section 3. Rates for Recreational Vehicle (RV) Property without utilities:

All sites	\$0.00
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Section 4. Rates for Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Parks:

1) 4 - 9 spaces (MHP1)	\$350.14
2) 10 – 25 spaces (MHP2)	\$605.73
3) 26 – 50 spaces (MHP3)	\$889.30
4) 51 – 100 spaces (MHP4)	\$2,291.13
5) 101 – 150 spaces (MHP5)	\$3,052.30
6) 151 – 200 spaces (MHP6)	\$4,606.35
7) 201 and up spaces (MHP7)	\$10,949.45

Section 5. NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

Each parcel will have one (1) billing unit, and the Building Area of all structures on the site will determine the range the parcel falls into for rates. When a Building Area is not available, but the Property Appraiser indicates structures exist on the parcel, the minimum charge by category will apply. Please see schedule B for the listing of property uses (use codes) and Haz Code assignments.

- a. Non-residential properties assigned the Light Hazard Code (0.08) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
		\$
0 - 500	300	355.21
		\$
501 - 1,999	1,000	426.26
		\$
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	527.75
		\$
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	679.99
		\$
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	832.22

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Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 1,339.67
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 2,354.56
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 3,369.46
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 4,384.35
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 5,847.00

- b. Non-residential properties assigned the Ordinary Hazard-Group 1 Hazard Code (0.13) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 374.25
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 489.69
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 654.61
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 901.99
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 1,149.37
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 1,973.98
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 3,623.18
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 5,272.39

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Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 6,921.59
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 8,570.80

- c. Non-residential properties assigned the Ordinary Hazard-Group 2 Hazard Code (0.18) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
0 - 500	300	\$ 393.27
501 - 1,999	1,000	\$ 553.12
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	\$ 781.48
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	\$ 1,124.00
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	\$ 1,466.53
10,000 - 19,999	10,000	\$ 2,608.29
20,000 - 29,999	20,000	\$ 4,891.80
30,000 - 39,999	30,000	\$ 7,175.32
40,000 - 49,999	40,000	\$ 9,458.83
>= 50,000	50,000	\$ 11,742.35

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- d. Non-residential properties assigned the Extra Hazard Code (0.3) will be charged the following rates:

Base Area Range	Rate Based on Base Area of	Rate
		\$
0 - 500	300	438.95
		\$
501 - 1,999	1,000	705.36
		\$
2,000 - 3,499	2,000	1,085.94
		\$
3,500 - 4,999	3,500	1,656.82
		\$
5,000 - 9,999	5,000	2,227.70
10,000 -		\$
19,999	10,000	4,130.63
20,000 -		\$
29,999	20,000	7,936.49
30,000 -		\$
39,999	30,000	11,742.35
40,000 -		\$
49,999	40,000	15,548.20
		\$
>= 50,000	50,000	19,354.06

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SCHEDULE "B"

ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LISTING OF PROPERTY USE CODES WITH BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME PARK (MHP) OR HAZARD CODE ASSIGNMENT

In the event that a new property use code is established by the Property Appraiser, and it is not included within this schedule, the Fire Rescue Director has the authority to designate the Base Rate Benefit Factor, Multi-Family Residential, Manufactured/Mobile Home Park (MHP) or Hazard Code based on the "best fit" of property uses included in this schedule.

PROPERTY/USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION	BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR (BF), <u>HAZ CODE (HC), MULTI- FAMILY (MF) OR MAN. HOME PARK (MHP) RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:</u>
41	CONDOMINIUM /RECREATIONAL VEHICLE UNIT WITH UTILITIES	BF 0.42
110	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
113	MODULAR HOME	BF 0.58
121	1/2 DUPLEX USED AS SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
135	TOWNHOUSE	BF 1.00
164	RESIDEN. IMPRVMT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
212	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-SINGLE	BF 0.42
213	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-DOUBLE	BF 0.58
214	MANUFACTURED HOUSING-TRIPLE	BF 0.58
232	RESIDENTIAL RELATED AMMENITY ON MFG HOME SITE	BF 0.42
237	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT IMPRVMT W/HOME	BF 0.42
238	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.00
239	MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT NO HOME	BF 0.00
264	MANUFACTURED HOME NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 0.42
351	GARDEN APARTMENTS – 1 STORY – 10 TO 49 UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
352	GARDEN APARTMENTS – 1 STORY – 50 UNITS AND UP	MF MULTI-FAMILY
353	LOW RISE APARTMENTS 10-49 UNITS 2/3 STORIES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
354	LOW RISE APARTMENTS 50 UNITS AND UP 2/3 STORIES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
355	HIGH RISE APARTMENTS- 4 STORIES AND UP	MF MULTI-FAMILY
356	TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
414	CONDOMINIUM UNIT	BF 1.00
421	TIME SHARE CONDO	BF 1.00
422	CONDOMINIUM-MANUFACTURED HOME PARK	BF 0.42

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PROPERTY/USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION	BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR (BF), <u>HAZ CODE (HC), MULTI- FAMILY (MF) OR MAN. HOME PARK (MHP) RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:</u>
430	CONDOMINIUM – RES USED IN CONJUNCTION W/OTH UNIT	BF 1.00
437	CONDO MANUFACTURED HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME	BF 1.00
438	CONDOMINIUM – IMPROVED R.V. LOT – NO R.V	BF 0.42
441	CONDOMINIUM UNIT WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.42
464	CONDOMINIUM NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
514	COOPERATIVE UNIT	BF 1.00
522	COOPERATIVE-MANUFACTURED HOME-IMPROVED	BF 1.00
537	COOPERATIVE-MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOT W/HOME	BF 0.42
538	COOPERATIVE-IMPROVED (W/OUT MANUF. HOME)	BF 0.42
541	CO-OP WITH SITE IMPROVEMENTS	BF 0.00
564	CO-OP NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
719	BED AND BREAKFAST	MF MULTI-FAMILY
815	HOUSE AND IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	BF 1.00
817	HOUSE AND MOBILE HOME	MF MULTI-FAMILY
818	TWO OR THREE MOBILE HOMES – NOT A PARK	MF MULTI-FAMILY
819	TWO RESIDENTIAL UNITS-NOT ATTACHED	MF MULTI-FAMILY
820	DUPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
830	TRIPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
834	TOWNHOUSE – TWO OR MORE UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
837	TWO OR MORE MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOTS W/HOMES	MF MULTI-FAMILY
838	TWO OR MORE MFGD HOUSING RENTAL LOTS W/IMPRVMT	MF MULTI-FAMILY
839	THREE OR FOUR LIVING UNITS – NOT ATTACHE	MF MULTI-FAMILY
840	QUADRUPLEX	MF MULTI-FAMILY
850	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITS (5 TO 9 UNITS)	MF MULTI-FAMILY
855	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITS – CONVERTED – 2 TO 9 UNITS	MF MULTI-FAMILY
859	MULTIPLE LIVING UNITS (5 TO 9 UNITS) NOT ATTACHED	MF MULTI-FAMILY
860	MISC RESIDENTIAL (MIGRANT CAMPS, ETC)	MF MULTI-FAMILY
864	MULTI-FAMILY IMPROVEMENT NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUP	MF MULTI-FAMILY
5110	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
5210	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
5310	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6010	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CLASS I W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6110	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6210	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CLASS III W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6310	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6410	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00

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6510	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6610	ORCHARD GROVE – ALL GROVE W/RESIDENCE	BF 0.42
6640	ORCHARD GROVE – PT GROVE & PT NOT PLANTED W/RESID	BF 0.42
6680	COMBINATION – PT ORCHARD GROVE & PT PASTURE W/RESID	BF 1.00
6691	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS W/RESIDENCE	BF 1.00
6810	DAIRIES-WITH RESIDENCE	BF 0.42
6910	NURSERY WITH RESIDENCE	BF 0.42

MOBILE HOME/MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS:

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2890	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 4 TO 9 SPACES	MHP1 MHP 4-9 SPACES
2891	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 10 TO 25 SPACES	MHP2 MHP 10-25 SPACES
2892	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 26 TO 50 SPACES	MHP3 MHP 26-50 SPACES
2893	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 51 TO 100 SPACES	MHP4 MHP 51-100 SPACES
2894	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 101 TO 150 SPACES	MHP5 MHP 101-150 SPACES
2895	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 151 TO 200 SPACES	MHP6 MHP 151-200 SPACES
2896	MANUF. HOUSING PARK RENTALS – 201 AND UP SPACES	MHP7 MHP ≥201 SPACES

COMMERCIAL CATEGORY:

PROPERTY/USE CODE	USE DESCRIPTION	BASE RATE BENEFIT FACTOR (BF), <u>HAZ CODE (HC)</u> , <u>MULTI- FAMILY (MF) OR MAN. HOME PARK (MHP) RESIDENTIAL</u> CATEGORY:
433	IMPROVED CONDOMINIUM COMMON AREA	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
465	CONDOMINIUM – MISC.(NOT COVERED BY ANY OTH CODE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
616	RETIREMENT HOME	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZ GRP 1
700	MIGRANT CAMPS BOARDING HOMES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
913	IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL COMMON AREA	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1100	RETAIL STORES – 1 UNIT	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1104	CONDOMINIUM / STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1105	RETAIL DRUG STORES – (NOT ATTACHED)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP

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		2
1110	RETAIL STORE – MULTIPLE UNITS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1115	RETAIL TIRE STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1125	CONVENIENCE STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1130	CONVENIENCE STORE – WITH GAS PUMPS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1138	RETAIL- SHELL BUILDING	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1150	WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1204	COMMERCIAL SHELL BUILDING (CONDO)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1210	MIXED USE – COMMERCIAL PROPERTY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1222	COMMERCIAL RELATED AMENITIES	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1233	IMPROVED COMMERCIAL COMMON AREA	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1238	COMMERCIAL SHELL BUILDING (OTHER)	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1264	COMMER. IMPROVE. NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1300	DEPARTMENT STORE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1400	SUPERMARKET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1500	SHOPPING MALL	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1600	SHOPPING COMPLEX-COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1610	SHOPPING CENTER - NEIGHBORHOOD	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP
		2
1700	OFFICE BUILDING – 1 STORY – SINGLE TENAN	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1704	CONDOMINIUM OFFICE UNIT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1710	OFFICE BUILDING – MULTI TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1715	OFFICE BUILDING-MODULAR	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD
		GRP 2
1738	OFFICE- SHELL BUILDING	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD
		GRP 2
1800	OFFICE BUILDING – SINGLE TENANT – 2+ STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1810	OFFICE BUILDING-MULTI TENANT-2 + STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1900	PROFESSIONAL BLDG-SINGLE TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1910	PROFESSIONAL BLDG-MULTI TENANT – 1 STORY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD

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1920	PROFESSIONAL BUILDING-SINGLE TENANT – 2+STORIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1930	PROFESSIONAL BUILDING- MULTI TENANT- 2+STORIES	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
1940	PROFESSIONAL/OFFICE COMPLEX	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1950	DAY CARE CENTER	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
1960	RADIO OR T.V. STATION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2000	AIRPORTS – PRIVATE	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
2010	AIRPORTS – COMMERCIAL	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
2015	MARINAS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2100	RESTAURANT / CAFETERIA	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2104	RESTAURANT – CONDOMINIUM	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2110	FAST FOOD RESTAURANT	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
2300	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2310	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION – BRANCH FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2400	INSURANCE CO. – OFFICE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2500	SERVICE SHOP RADIO AND T.V. REPAIR REF	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2600	SERVICE STATION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2700	DEALERSHIP SALES / SERVICE CENTER	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2710	GARAGE / AUTO BODY/AUTO PAINT SHOP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2715	MINI-LUB SERVICE SPECIALIST	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2720	CAR WASH	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2730	USED AUTOMOBILE SALES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2740	RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES/NEW OR USED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
2800	PARKING LOT – COMMERCIAL	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2810	PARKING LOT – PATRON	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2900	WHOLESALE OUTLET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
2910	PRODUCE HOUSE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3000	FLORIST	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3010	GREENHOUSE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3020	NURSERY (NON-AGRIC. CLASSIFICATION)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3030	HORSE STABLE	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
3040	DOG KENNEL	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD

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3100	THEATRE (DRIVE-IN)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3120	STADIUM – (NOT ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3200	AUDITORIUM (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3210	THEATER – (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3220	RECREATION HALL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3230	FITNESS CENTER	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3300	NIGHT CLUBS COCKTAIL LOUNGES BARS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3400	BOWLING ALLEYS SKATING RINKS AND POOL HALLS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3430	ARENA (ENCLOSED)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3440	ARENA – (OPEN AIR) WITH SUPPORTING FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3450	FLEA MARKET	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD
		GRP 2
3500	TOURIST ATTRACTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3510	PERMANENT EXHIBIT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3600	CAMP – (OTHER THAN FOR MOBILE HOMES)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3610	CAMPGROUND (TRAILERS CAMPERS AND TENTS)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3693	LABOR CAMP	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3700	RACE TRACK / WAGERING ATTRACTION	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3710	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD
		GRP 2
3720	POSTAL FACILITY	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD
		GRP 2
3800	GOLF COURSE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3810	DRIVING RANGE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3820	COUNTRY CLUB / SUPPORT FACILITIES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3900	MOTOR INN	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3905	BED AND BREAKFAST	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3910	LIMITED SERVICE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3920	FULL SERVICE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3930	EXTENDED STAY OR SUITE HOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3940	LUXURY HOTEL/RESORT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3950	CONVENTION HOTEL/RESORT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3970	MOTEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
3972	MOTEL – WITH RESTAURANT	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4100	LIGHT MANUFACTURING – SMALL EQUIP. MFG. PLANTS/SHOP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4200	HEAVY INDUSTRIAL – HEAVY EQUIP. MFG. LAR, MACH SHOPS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4300	LUMBER YARD SAWMILL PLANING MILL	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
4400	PACKING PLANT – FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACK	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2

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4500	CANNERIES FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOTTLERS	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4600	OTH FOOD PROCESSING – CANDY, BAKERY, POTATO CHIP	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
4700	MINERAL PROCESSING PHOSPHATE, ROCKS, GRAVEL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
4710	CONCRETE / ASPHALT PLANT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
4800	WAREHOUSING DISTRIB TERMINALS, TRUCK TERM, VAN & ST	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4804	CONDOMINIUM – WAREHOUSING	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4810	MINI – WAREHOUSING	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4830	WAREHOUSING – FLEX SPACE	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
4840	COLD STRG & WAREHS DISTRIB CTR	HC 0.30 EXTRA HAZARD
4900	OPEN STORAGE-NEW/USED BLDG SUPPLY, JUNKYD, AUTO WR	HC 0.13 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 1
5120	CROP LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5220	CROP LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5320	CROPLAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5410	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 90 & ABOVE W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5510	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 80 TO 89 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5610	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 70 TO 79 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5710	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 60 TO 69 W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5810	TIMBERLAND-SLASH PINE INDEX 50 TO 59 WITH IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
5910	TIMBERLAND- NOT CLASSIFIED BY SITE INDEX W/IMPVMT	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6020	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS I – W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6120	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS II W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6220	GRAZING LAND – SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS III W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6320	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS IV W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6420	GRAZING LAND-SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS V W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6520	SOIL CAPABILITY CLASS VI WITH BUILDINGS O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6620	ORCHARD GROVES – ALL GROVES W/BLDG O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6650	ORCHARD GROVE-PT GROVE & PT NOT PLANTED W/BLDG	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6670	COMBIN. – PT ORCHARD GROVE & PT PASTURE W/BLDG	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6692	MIXED TROPICAL FRUITS W/BUILDINGS O/T RES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6700	POULTRY FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6720	TROPICAL FISH FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6730	BEE (HONEY) FARMS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD

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6800	DAIRIES-WITH BUILDINGS OTHER THAN RESIDENCE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
6920	NURSERY W/BUILDING OTHER THAN RESIDENCE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7200	SCHOOL – PRIVATE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7210	SCHOOL – PRIVATE CHURCH OWNED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7220	COLLEGE –PRIVATE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7230	FRATERNITY OR SORORITY HOME	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7300	HOSPITAL –GENERAL-PRIVATELY OWNED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7400	HOME FOR THE AGED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7500	ASSISTED CARE LIVING FACILITY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7510	CHILDRENS HOME	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7515	NON-PROFIT OR CHARITABLE SERVICES	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7600	MORTUARY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7610	CEMETERY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7620	CREMATORIUM	HC 0.18 ORDINARY HAZD GRP 2
7700	CLUBS LODGES AND UNION HALLS	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7800	GYMNASIUM	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7820	LIBRARY	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
7841	CONVALESCENT HOME (NURSING HOME)	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
8500	HOSPITAL	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9100	UTILITY – GAS COMPANIES – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9120	UTILITY – ELECTRIC COMPANIES – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9140	UTILITY – TEL AND TEL – IMPROVED	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD
9465	IMPROVEMENT – NOT SUITABLE FOR ANY OTHER CODE	HC 0.08 LIGHT HAZARD

FIRE ASSESSMENT

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Option 1

29% Increase

RESIDENTIAL:

Single family residence, Condo, Townhouse, 1/2 unit Duplex

Example:

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 43.26	\$ 12.55	\$ 55.81	\$ 4.65
701-1100	\$ 110.13	\$ 31.94	\$ 142.07	\$ 11.84
1101-1400	\$ 153.38	\$ 44.48	\$ 197.86	\$ 16.49
1401-1800	\$ 196.64	\$ 57.03	\$ 253.67	\$ 21.14
1801-2200	\$ 245.81	\$ 71.28	\$ 317.09	\$ 26.42
2201-2600	\$ 294.97	\$ 85.54	\$ 380.51	\$ 31.71
2601-1000000	\$ 344.13	\$ 99.80	\$ 443.93	\$ 36.99

RESIDENTIAL:

Manufactured / Modular Home Double and Triple wide

Example:

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 25.09	\$ 7.28	\$ 32.37	\$ 2.70
701-1100	\$ 63.87	\$ 18.52	\$ 82.39	\$ 6.87
1101-1400	\$ 88.97	\$ 25.80	\$ 114.77	\$ 9.56
1401-1800	\$ 114.05	\$ 33.07	\$ 147.12	\$ 12.26
1801-2200	\$ 142.57	\$ 41.35	\$ 183.92	\$ 15.33
2201-2600	\$ 171.09	\$ 49.62	\$ 220.71	\$ 18.39
2601-1000000	\$ 199.59	\$ 57.88	\$ 257.47	\$ 21.46

RESIDENTIAL:

Manufactured Single Wide

Example:

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 18.18	\$ 5.27	\$ 23.45	\$ 1.95
701-1100	\$ 46.26	\$ 13.42	\$ 59.68	\$ 4.97
1101-1400	\$ 64.42	\$ 18.68	\$ 83.10	\$ 6.93
1401-1800	\$ 82.59	\$ 23.95	\$ 106.54	\$ 8.88
1801-2200	\$ 103.23	\$ 29.94	\$ 133.17	\$ 11.10
2201-2600	\$ 123.88	\$ 35.93	\$ 159.81	\$ 13.32
2601-1000000	\$ 144.52	\$ 41.91	\$ 186.43	\$ 15.54

RESIDENTIAL:

Multi-Family Residential

Example:

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-2500	\$ 320.44	\$ 92.93	\$ 413.37	\$ 34.45
2501-5000	\$ 508.39	\$ 147.43	\$ 655.82	\$ 54.65
5001-10000	\$ 903.07	\$ 261.89	\$ 1,164.96	\$ 97.08
1001-20000	\$ 1,194.38	\$ 346.37	\$ 1,540.75	\$ 128.40
20001-50000	\$ 2,613.35	\$ 757.87	\$ 3,371.22	\$ 280.94
50001-100000	\$ 3,788.00	\$ 1,098.52	\$ 4,886.52	\$ 407.21
100001-150000	\$ 7,828.79	\$ 2,270.35	\$ 10,099.14	\$ 841.59
150001-250000	\$ 10,835.89	\$ 3,142.41	\$ 13,978.30	\$ 1,164.86
250001 and up	\$ 19,763.21	\$ 5,731.33	\$ 25,494.54	\$ 2,124.55

RESIDENTIAL:

MH Parks

Example:

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
4-9 (MHP1)	\$ 259.37	\$ 75.22	\$ 334.59	\$ 27.88
10-25 (MHP2)	\$ 448.69	\$ 130.12	\$ 578.81	\$ 48.23
26-50 (MHP3)	\$ 658.74	\$ 191.03	\$ 849.77	\$ 70.81
51-100 (MHP4)	\$ 1,697.13	\$ 492.17	\$ 2,189.30	\$ 182.44
101-150 (MHP5)	\$ 2,260.97	\$ 655.68	\$ 2,916.65	\$ 243.05
151-200 (MHP6)	\$ 3,412.11	\$ 989.51	\$ 4,401.62	\$ 366.80
201 and up (MHP7)	\$ 8,110.70	\$ 2,352.10	\$ 10,462.80	\$ 871.90

Option 2

35% Increase

RESIDENTIAL:

Example: Single family residence, Condo, Townhouse, 1/2 unit Duplex

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 43.26	\$ 15.14	\$ 58.40	\$ 4.87
701-1100	\$ 110.13	\$ 38.55	\$ 148.68	\$ 12.39
1101-1400	\$ 153.38	\$ 53.68	\$ 207.06	\$ 17.26
1401-1800	\$ 196.64	\$ 68.82	\$ 265.46	\$ 22.12
1801-2200	\$ 245.81	\$ 86.03	\$ 331.84	\$ 27.65
2201-2600	\$ 294.97	\$ 103.24	\$ 398.21	\$ 33.18
2601-1000000	\$ 344.13	\$ 120.45	\$ 464.58	\$ 38.71

RESIDENTIAL:

Example: Manufactured / Modular Home Double and Triple wide

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 25.09	\$ 8.78	\$ 33.87	\$ 2.82
701-1100	\$ 63.87	\$ 22.35	\$ 86.22	\$ 7.19
1101-1400	\$ 88.97	\$ 31.14	\$ 120.11	\$ 10.01
1401-1800	\$ 114.05	\$ 39.92	\$ 153.97	\$ 12.83
1801-2200	\$ 142.57	\$ 49.90	\$ 192.47	\$ 16.04
2201-2600	\$ 171.09	\$ 59.88	\$ 230.97	\$ 19.25
2601-1000000	\$ 199.59	\$ 69.86	\$ 269.45	\$ 22.45

RESIDENTIAL:

Example: Manufactured Single Wide

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-700	\$ 18.18	\$ 6.36	\$ 24.54	\$ 2.05
701-1100	\$ 46.26	\$ 16.19	\$ 62.45	\$ 5.20
1101-1400	\$ 64.42	\$ 22.55	\$ 86.97	\$ 7.25
1401-1800	\$ 82.59	\$ 28.91	\$ 111.50	\$ 9.29
1801-2200	\$ 103.23	\$ 36.13	\$ 139.36	\$ 11.61
2201-2600	\$ 123.88	\$ 43.36	\$ 167.24	\$ 13.94
2601-1000000	\$ 144.52	\$ 50.58	\$ 195.10	\$ 16.26

RESIDENTIAL:

Example: Multi-Family Residential

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-2500	\$ 320.44	\$ 112.15	\$ 432.59	\$ 36.05
2501-5000	\$ 508.39	\$ 177.94	\$ 686.33	\$ 57.19
5001-10000	\$ 903.07	\$ 316.07	\$ 1,219.14	\$ 101.60
1001-20000	\$ 1,194.38	\$ 418.03	\$ 1,612.41	\$ 134.37
20001-50000	\$ 2,613.35	\$ 914.67	\$ 3,528.02	\$ 294.00
50001-100000	\$ 3,788.00	\$ 1,325.80	\$ 5,113.80	\$ 426.15
100001-150000	\$ 7,828.79	\$ 2,740.08	\$ 10,568.87	\$ 880.74
150001-250000	\$ 10,835.89	\$ 3,792.56	\$ 14,628.45	\$ 1,219.04
250001 and up	\$ 19,763.21	\$ 6,917.12	\$ 26,680.33	\$ 2,223.36

RESIDENTIAL:

Example: MH Parks

Size Range -Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
4-9 (MHP1)	\$ 259.37	\$ 90.78	\$ 350.15	\$ 29.18
10-25 (MHP2)	\$ 448.69	\$ 157.04	\$ 605.73	\$ 50.48
26-50 (MHP3)	\$ 658.74	\$ 230.56	\$ 889.30	\$ 74.11
51-100 (MHP4)	\$ 1,697.13	\$ 594.00	\$ 2,291.13	\$ 190.93
101-150 (MHP5)	\$ 2,260.97	\$ 791.34	\$ 3,052.31	\$ 254.36
151-200 (MHP6)	\$ 3,412.11	\$ 1,194.24	\$ 4,606.35	\$ 383.86
201 and up (MHP7)	\$ 8,110.70	\$ 2,838.75	\$ 10,949.45	\$ 912.45

FIRE ASSESSMENT

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Option 1

29% Increase

NON-RESIDENTIAL, LIGHT HAZARD

Examples:

Church, Private School, B&B, Motel, Golf Course

Size Range - Square foot	Current Rate	29% Increase	New Total	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 263.12	\$ 76.30	\$ 339.42	\$ 28.29
501-1999	\$ 315.75	\$ 91.57	\$ 407.32	\$ 33.94
2000-3499	\$ 390.93	\$ 113.37	\$ 504.30	\$ 42.02
3500-4999	\$ 503.69	\$ 146.07	\$ 649.76	\$ 54.15
5000-9999	\$ 616.46	\$ 178.77	\$ 795.23	\$ 66.27
10000-19999	\$ 992.35	\$ 287.78	\$ 1,280.13	\$ 106.68
20000-29999	\$ 1,744.12	\$ 505.79	\$ 2,249.91	\$ 187.49
30000-39999	\$ 2,495.90	\$ 723.81	\$ 3,219.71	\$ 268.31
40000-49999	\$ 3,247.67	\$ 941.82	\$ 4,189.49	\$ 349.12
50000 +	\$ 4,331.11	\$ 1,256.02	\$ 5,587.13	\$ 465.59

Option 2

35% Increase

NON-RESIDENTIAL, LIGHT HAZARD

Examples:

Church, Private School, B&B, Motel, Golf Course

Size Range - Square foot	Current Rate	35% Increase	New Total	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 263.12	\$ 92.09	\$ 355.21	\$ 29.60
501-1999	\$ 315.75	\$ 110.51	\$ 426.26	\$ 35.52
2000-3499	\$ 390.93	\$ 136.83	\$ 527.76	\$ 43.98
3500-4999	\$ 503.69	\$ 176.29	\$ 679.98	\$ 56.67
5000-9999	\$ 616.46	\$ 215.76	\$ 832.22	\$ 69.35
10000-19999	\$ 992.35	\$ 347.32	\$ 1,339.67	\$ 111.64
20000-29999	\$ 1,744.12	\$ 610.44	\$ 2,354.56	\$ 196.21
30000-39999	\$ 2,495.90	\$ 873.57	\$ 3,369.47	\$ 280.79
40000-49999	\$ 3,247.67	\$ 1,136.68	\$ 4,384.35	\$ 365.36
50000 +	\$ 4,331.11	\$ 1,515.89	\$ 5,847.00	\$ 487.25

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 1

Example: fast food restaurant, light manufacturing, retirement home

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 277.22	\$ 80.39	\$ 357.61	\$ 29.80
501-1999	\$ 362.74	\$ 105.19	\$ 467.93	\$ 38.99
2000-3499	\$ 484.90	\$ 140.62	\$ 625.52	\$ 52.13
3500-4999	\$ 668.14	\$ 193.76	\$ 861.90	\$ 71.83
5000-9999	\$ 851.39	\$ 246.90	\$ 1,098.29	\$ 91.52
10000-19999	\$ 1,462.21	\$ 424.04	\$ 1,886.25	\$ 157.19
20000-29999	\$ 2,683.84	\$ 778.31	\$ 3,462.15	\$ 288.51
30000-39999	\$ 3,905.47	\$ 1,132.59	\$ 5,038.06	\$ 419.84
40000-49999	\$ 5,127.11	\$ 1,486.86	\$ 6,613.97	\$ 551.16
50000 +	\$ 6,348.74	\$ 1,841.13	\$ 8,189.87	\$ 682.49

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 1

Example:

fast food restaurant, light manufacturing, retirement home

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 277.22	\$ 97.03	\$ 374.25	\$ 31.19
501-1999	\$ 362.74	\$ 126.96	\$ 489.70	\$ 40.81
2000-3499	\$ 484.90	\$ 169.72	\$ 654.62	\$ 54.55
3500-4999	\$ 668.14	\$ 233.85	\$ 901.99	\$ 75.17
5000-9999	\$ 851.39	\$ 297.99	\$ 1,149.38	\$ 95.78
10000-19999	\$ 1,462.21	\$ 511.77	\$ 1,973.98	\$ 164.50
20000-29999	\$ 2,683.84	\$ 939.34	\$ 3,623.18	\$ 301.93
30000-39999	\$ 3,905.47	\$ 1,366.91	\$ 5,272.38	\$ 439.37
40000-49999	\$ 5,127.11	\$ 1,794.49	\$ 6,921.60	\$ 576.80
50000 +	\$ 6,348.74	\$ 2,222.06	\$ 8,570.80	\$ 714.23

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 2

Example:

Retail Store, Office Buildings, Convenience Store

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 291.31	\$ 84.48	\$ 375.79	\$ 31.32
501-1999	\$ 409.72	\$ 118.82	\$ 528.54	\$ 44.04
2000-3499	\$ 578.87	\$ 167.87	\$ 746.74	\$ 62.23
3500-4999	\$ 832.59	\$ 241.45	\$ 1,074.04	\$ 89.50
5000-9999	\$ 1,086.32	\$ 315.03	\$ 1,401.35	\$ 116.78
10000-19999	\$ 1,932.06	\$ 560.30	\$ 2,492.36	\$ 207.70
20000-29999	\$ 3,623.56	\$ 1,050.83	\$ 4,674.39	\$ 389.53
30000-39999	\$ 5,315.05	\$ 1,541.36	\$ 6,856.41	\$ 571.37
40000-49999	\$ 7,006.54	\$ 2,031.90	\$ 9,038.44	\$ 753.20
50000 +	\$ 8,698.03	\$ 2,522.43	\$ 11,220.46	\$ 935.04

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 2

Example:

Retail Store, Office Buildings, Convenience Store

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 291.31	\$ 101.96	\$ 393.27	\$ 32.77
501-1999	\$ 409.72	\$ 143.40	\$ 553.12	\$ 46.09
2000-3499	\$ 578.87	\$ 202.60	\$ 781.47	\$ 65.12
3500-4999	\$ 832.59	\$ 291.41	\$ 1,124.00	\$ 93.67
5000-9999	\$ 1,086.32	\$ 380.21	\$ 1,466.53	\$ 122.21
10000-19999	\$ 1,932.06	\$ 676.22	\$ 2,608.28	\$ 217.36
20000-29999	\$ 3,623.56	\$ 1,268.25	\$ 4,891.81	\$ 407.65
30000-39999	\$ 5,315.05	\$ 1,860.27	\$ 7,175.32	\$ 597.94
40000-49999	\$ 7,006.54	\$ 2,452.29	\$ 9,458.83	\$ 788.24
50000 +	\$ 8,698.03	\$ 3,044.31	\$ 11,742.34	\$ 978.53

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 3

Example:

Sawmill, Lumber Yard, Cold Storage, Warehouse

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	29% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 325.15	\$ 94.29	\$ 419.44	\$ 34.95
501-1999	\$ 522.49	\$ 151.52	\$ 674.01	\$ 56.17
2000-3499	\$ 804.40	\$ 233.28	\$ 1,037.68	\$ 86.47
3500-4999	\$ 1,227.28	\$ 355.91	\$ 1,583.19	\$ 131.93
5000-9999	\$ 1,650.15	\$ 478.54	\$ 2,128.69	\$ 177.39
10000-19999	\$ 3,059.73	\$ 887.32	\$ 3,947.05	\$ 328.92
20000-29999	\$ 5,878.88	\$ 1,704.88	\$ 7,583.76	\$ 631.98
30000-39999	\$ 8,698.03	\$ 2,522.43	\$ 11,220.46	\$ 935.04
40000-49999	\$ 11,517.19	\$ 3,339.99	\$ 14,857.18	\$ 1,238.10
50000 +	\$ 14,336.34	\$ 4,157.54	\$ 18,493.88	\$ 1,541.16

NON-RESIDENTIAL, ORDINARY HAZARD GROUP 3

Example:

Sawmill, Lumber Yard, Cold Storage, Warehouse

Size Range - Square foot	Current Annual Rate	35% Adjustment	New Annual Rate	New Monthly Rate
0-500	\$ 325.15	\$ 113.80	\$ 438.95	\$ 36.58
501-1999	\$ 522.49	\$ 182.87	\$ 705.36	\$ 58.78
2000-3499	\$ 804.40	\$ 281.54	\$ 1,085.94	\$ 90.50
3500-4999	\$ 1,227.28	\$ 429.55	\$ 1,656.83	\$ 138.07
5000-9999	\$ 1,650.15	\$ 577.55	\$ 2,227.70	\$ 185.64
10000-19999	\$ 3,059.73	\$ 1,070.91	\$ 4,130.64	\$ 344.22
20000-29999	\$ 5,878.88	\$ 2,057.61	\$ 7,936.49	\$ 661.37
30000-39999	\$ 8,698.03	\$ 3,044.31	\$ 11,742.34	\$ 978.53
40000-49999	\$ 11,517.19	\$ 4,031.02	\$ 15,548.21	\$ 1,295.68
50000 +	\$ 14,336.34	\$ 5,017.72	\$ 19,354.06	\$ 1,612.84

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Section 8. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Done and Adopted in regular session by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, this 20th day of April, 2021.

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:

Rita Pritchett, Chair

As approved by the Board on: _____

ATTEST:

Rachel Sadoff, Clerk

Reviewed for legal form and content:

Assistant County Attorney

To Whom It May Concern:

March 23, 2021

In response to the 3% annual increase for the Fire SP Assessment tax, I submit the following.

Your calculation of 3% of \$196.64 equals \$68.82 is wrong. \$68.82 is 35% of \$196.64, please check your math. At the rate your math for the fire sp assessment would be higher than the property tax in a matter of a few years.

Might I suggest you impose an impact fee for new construction especially all of the apartments that are going up instead of taxing people who have been here for quite a while. Please consider seniors who live on fixed incomes, as well as low Income families who are still struggling after a pandemic year. And, might ask if you have received, or will receive any stimulus from each township.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gail Noe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "G" and a trailing "e".

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MAR 25 2021

County Manager's
Office

Objection to Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate Increase

To Board of County Commissioners:

I strongly object to the massive 35% increase in the Brevard fire services special assessment rate. This is the absolute worst time to raise fees for Brevard residents when so many residents are suffering the effects of COVID-related unemployment and pay cuts. Incomes & savings are strained, and to foist a massive tax increase on hurting residents at this time, not to mention immediately AFTER a massive 39% increase in Brevard waste management rates last year, is simply unconscionable.

The last time this rate was increased was merely 3 years ago at a generous 6% and the rate increase was pegged to keep up with inflation at that time. Given this, there should be no further need for an increase now, especially one as enormous as 35%. Every measure should be taken first to reduce spending of Brevard fire services before any consideration is given to raising taxes further to avoid undue financial stress to county residents.

I also object to the strongly progressive nature of the rates. Large families with multiple children require larger homes to house them. Charging higher rates to larger families that require larger square footage of homes when they are already strained with many children's mouths to feed is not just. Every resident in Brevard receives the same level of services through this assessment regardless of the size of the home, so why should the fee be based on square footage of home? If the goal is to charge more to those who can afford it, basing who can afford it off home size, at least within a reasonable limit to accommodate large families, is simply not the answer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Stevens

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MAR 25 2021

County Manager's
Office

March 23, 2031

RE: PROPOSED BREVARD COUNTY FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATE

This is my written objection that I don't want any new taxes/increase to my property.

Site Address or Legal Description:
8523 WINDER WAY MELBOURNE 32940

Parcel ID Number:
26 3616-RB-D-8

Tax Account Number:
2620190

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1
Acres: 0.13
Based Upon Square Footage of: 1491
Use Code Designation: 110
Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA4

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$196.64
Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied
annually against this Parcel up to: + \$265.46
Difference between current and proposed
annual rate, up to: + \$68.82

V/r

Ronald Keith Bingham

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MAR 26 2021

County Manager's
Office

Re: 35% fire assessment increase

Nancy Stewart <nancy635@cfl.rr.com>

Mon 4/19/2021 9:45 AM

To: Lober, Bryan <Bryan.Lober@brevardfl.gov>

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mr. Lober,

Thank you for responding to my letter so quickly. Thank you also for your PDF regarding the need for an increase in fire assessment. It really covers all the facts pertinent to the situation. I had forgotten about the consultant who was hired to assess the financial situation. I do remember now reading about it in the paper and that the recommendation was not heeded.

I think your plan to use stimulus funds to help those who were financially impacted by Covid -19 is a good idea. Some in our community have been dealt a serious financial blow and helping ease their situation would make the increase a pill more easily swallowed.

Thank you again,
Nancy Stewart

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2021, at 9:11 PM, Lober, Bryan <Bryan.Lober@brevardfl.gov> wrote:

Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for reaching out to express your thoughts on this matter. It is refreshing to see a logical and unemotional take on the topic.

In case you hear any questions from neighbors, friends, or family on this issue, please feel free to pass along the attached document which I have been distributing to those who have reached out who do not understand why this assessment is unavoidable.

Thank you again.

Kind regards,

Bryan

From: Nancy Stewart <Nancy635@cfl.rr.com>**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:12 PM**To:** Lober, Bryan <Bryan.Lober@brevardfl.gov>; Pritchett, Rita <Rita.Pritchett@brevardfl.gov>; Tobia,

John <John.Tobia@brevardfl.gov>; Smith, Curt <Curt.Smith@brevardfl.gov>; Zonka, Kristine <Kristine.Zonka@brevardfl.gov>

Subject: 35% fire assessment increase

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Dear County Commissioners,

Since I will not be able to attend the meeting April 20, I wanted to send you a letter to express my opinion on the matter of a 35% increase in fire assessment. Although my husband and I are on fixed incomes, we are in favor of the increase. We live in a 2700 sq. ft. home. The increase for us would be a little over \$100.00 for the year. That increase only amounts to about an extra \$8.60 cents a month. After reading most of the 27 pages of information on the Fire Department Summary, it seems rather evident that the need is great and contributing that little extra would have a considerable, long overdue impact.

It is astounding how many calls are processed by Dispatch and how many emergency response units are then deployed. Just in the past two months alone they have come to my neighbor's house three times to assist with health issues. The health and safety of our communities should be paramount and we should have well trained firefighters, EMT's and paramedics, since they are a first line of defense. The equipment they use should be up to date, not 30 years old and requiring expensive repairs. Of note in the Summary is the reference to attrition and the difficulty recruiting paramedics and firefighters because the pay is higher elsewhere. I think the term used was "competitive wages". If we want to have well qualified members of the fire department, it only makes sense that they should have pay that is at least commensurate with other counties. Of concern also was the greater work load and risk of "burn out". That does not bode well for either the firefighters or the community.

There are probably many people who will object to an increase, but I think "kicking the can down the road" because it is too expensive is a poor excuse. It is not going to get cheaper as time goes by and we need a well resourced and well paid fire department.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my letter.

Nancy Stewart
635 Heron Drive
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

<Letter re Fire Assessment (to Constituents).pdf>



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Attorney's Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 308
Viera, Florida 32940

Inter-Office Memo

TO: Scott Knox
FROM: Alex Esseeesse
SUBJECT: Ability for commissioner to send out a memorandum or position statement to the other commissioners on an issue that will go before the Board
DATE: 12/8/16

Issue: A commissioner wants to prepare and circulate a written memorandum to the other members of the Board of County Commissioners that discusses an issue that will go before the Board. This memorandum will include the commissioner's stance/position on the matter and will likely recommend that a certain course of action be taken by the Board.

Question: Can a commissioner prepare and circulate a memorandum/position statement to other commissioners on an issue that will go before the Board without violating the Government in the Sunshine Law, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes?

Short Answer: Yes, but with caution. No discussions of the information/positions outlined in the memorandum can be discussed outside of a public meeting; the memorandum cannot solicit feedback from the other Board members; there cannot be any responses to the memorandum prior to the public meeting; and, because the memorandum is a public record, a copy must be made available to the public. Furthermore, the memorandum/statement cannot be used as a substitute for action at a public meeting and cannot be used to enable staff to act as an intermediary among the commissioners.¹

Analysis

The Government in the Sunshine Law was adopted, at least in part, to prohibit public business from being conducted in private. Put another way, "[o]ne purpose of the [G]overnment in the [S]unshine [L]aw was to prevent at nonpublic meetings the crystallization of secret decisions to a point just short of ceremonial acceptance."² In order to accomplish this goal, Florida law provides that

¹See, Op. Att'y Gen. Fla. 01-21 (2001).

²Palm Beach v. Gradison, 296 So.2d 473, 477 (Fla. 1974).

Individuals or entities involved in litigation against the BoCC and individuals or entities with outstanding code enforcement fines, unpaid public record request fees, and/or any other outstanding monetary obligation to the BoCC, shall not be entitled to benefit, in any way, from this motion. Staff shall not remit payment, to the tax collector, for the increased costs faced by anyone in any of the aforementioned categories.

Absent future direction to the contrary, by a majority of the BoCC, staff shall set aside an additional \$8.7M from the second \$59M of ARPA funding upon its arrival and this set aside shall be placed in the same account as the initial \$8.7M set aside with the intent of allowing for its use to offset any increase faced, by residents, in the second year of implementation of the proposed fire assessment.

Staff is directed to make reasonable efforts to publicize the passage and implementation of this motion prior to tax bills being sent.

It is not presently anticipated that there will be additional stimulus funding allocated for the purposes of this motion. As such, fire assessment payers are advised that in the third year following adoption of the proposed fire assessment, it is highly unlikely that the increased charges will be offset by the use of such funds.

In the unlikely event that the fire assessment should fail to gain BoCC approval, staff shall seek direction from the BoCC on the use of any funds set aside in accordance with this motion.

[a]ll meetings of any board or commission . . . of any agency or authority of any county, . . . except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, including meetings with or attended by any person elected to such board or commission, but who has not yet taken office, at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, and no resolution, rule, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such meeting.³

Courts have found that, “[i]n order for there to be a violation of [Fla. Stat. § 286.011], a meeting between two or more public officials *must take place* which is violative of the statute’s spirit, intent, and purpose.”⁴ However, despite this assertion, it has been established that “the physical presence of two or more members is *not necessary* in order to find the Sunshine Law applicable.”⁵ In practice, this means that Fla. Stat. § 286.011 “should be construed so as to frustrate all evasive devices” used to circumvent the statute’s purposes of transparency and openness.⁶

Florida Attorney General Interpretations

The Florida Attorney General has issued a number of opinions on when and how official subject to the Government in the Sunshine Law can use memoranda to discuss their stances and/or suggest certain positions be taken on issues requiring official action before their respective boards. For example, in **AGO 2007-35**, the Florida Attorney General was tasked with determining whether city commissioners could exchange documents on issues that would come before the commission for official action. As mentioned above, “the courts and this office have found that there are instances where the physical presence of two or more members is not necessary in order to find the Sunshine Law applicable.”⁷ The Attorney General found that “a commissioner may send informational material to the other commissioners outside of a public meeting provided that there is no interaction between or response from the other commissioners.”⁸ Importantly,

[w]hile it is not a direct violation of the Sunshine Law for members to circulate their own written position statements to other council members so long as the council members avoid any discussion or debate among themselves on these statements, the members’ discussions and deliberations on matters coming before the commission must occur at a duly noticed [meeting] and . . . must not be used to circumvent the requirements of [Fla. Stat. § 286.011].

³Fla. Stat. § 286.011(1).

⁴Hough v. Stembridge, 278 So.2d 288, 289 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1973) (*emphasis added*).

⁵Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 96-35 (1996) (*emphasis added*).

⁶Gradison, 296 So.2d at 477; Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 96-35 (1996).

⁷Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 2007-35 (2007).

⁸*Id.*

Ultimately, the Attorney General found that a commissioner may send documents to other members of the commission on matters going before the commission for official action, “provided that there is no response from, or interaction related to such documents among, the commissioners prior to the public meeting.”⁹

In **AGO 01-21**, the Florida Attorney General was asked whether board members could prepare individual position statements on the same subject and exchange these memoranda to the other board members. In the situation outlined in AGO 01-21, board members “prepare[d] and circulate[d] statements meant to communicate a particular council member’s position on issues coming before the board,” but these statements did not solicit responses from the other members and were made available to the public.¹⁰ The Florida Attorney General’s Office found that “[w]hile [it] would strongly discourage such activity, it would appear that council members . . . may prepare and distribute their own position statements to other council members without violating the Government in the Sunshine Law so long as the council members avoid any discussion or debate among themselves on these statements.”¹¹ More specifically, the Florida Attorney General noted that such a practice would become “problematic” if and when “any such communication [was] a response to another commissioner’s statement” because it opened the door for board members to respond to one another outside of a duly noticed meeting, causing the requirements of Fla. Stat. § 286.011 to be circumvented.¹² Despite reaching such a conclusion, the preparation and distribution of such memoranda/statements amongst the commissioners would not be a “direct violation of the Government in the Sunshine Law.”¹³

The Florida Attorney General issued an opinion (**AGO 96-35**) that addressed the issue of whether a school board member could circulate a memorandum “expressing that member’s position on a matter that [would] come before the school board for action and urging the other board members to give the author’s position very serious consideration.”¹⁴ Importantly, “[t]he memorandum [did] not request other board members to respond prior to the meeting at which the topic will be brought up for action or discussion.”¹⁵ The Attorney General made it a point of identifying circumstances where the use of a memorandum would not be permitted. For example, a memorandum cannot request board members to respond with comments and/or to request the board members to “indicate his or her approval or disapproval” for certain views.¹⁶ Based on such a position, the Attorney General came to the conclusion that

if a school board member writes a memorandum to provide information to make a recommendation to other school board members on a particular subject, there is

⁹*Id.*

¹⁰Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 01-21 (2001).

¹¹*Id.*

¹²*Id.*

¹³*Id.*

¹⁴Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 96-35 (1996).

¹⁵*Id.*

¹⁶*See, Id.*

Van, Fritz

D2 Inbox

From: pamela kurtz <pamelabiker21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Commissioner@brevardfl.gov; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4
Subject: Fire services special assessment fee.

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Categories: Oppose Item/Policy

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon,
We would like you to vote against the Fire services special assessment fee.
Thank you,

Pamela & Robert Kurtz
407-388-1919



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April 4, 2021

Memo Discussing Issue Coming before BoCC on Tuesday, April 6, 2021

This memorandum does not solicit feedback from any Commissioner and Commissioners are specifically asked not to respond to it (or discuss it amongst one another outside of a duly noticed BoCC meeting) as doing so could and likely would constitute a violation of one or more provisions of Chapters 119 and/or 286, Fla. Stat. So that it may be made available to the public, a copy of this memo is being provided to the Clerk to the Board so that it may be included in the minutes for the April 6, 2021 BoCC meeting. Please see the attached County Attorney's Office Inter-Office Memo dated December 12, 2016 which indicates that communications of this variety are authorized under applicable law.

Please be advised that this is a memo primarily pertaining to allocation of a portion of the anticipated American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. The proposal contained herein apply identically throughout unincorporated Brevard County and do not favor any district.

Kindly note that discussion regarding my other proposals, contained within Item J.6, including small business grant funding and allocation of funds to fully fund the Emergency Operations Center are not included herein as these items appear too lengthy for inclusion in this document. It is still my intention to discuss these items during the April 6 meeting, including making a contemplated motion to set aside roughly \$10M for small business funding countywide.

BoCC Meeting – 2021 April 06 - Item J.6

**DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER LOBER'S PROPOSED MOTION
REGARDING ALLOCATION OF "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021" FUNDS
TO OFFSET PROPOSED FIRE ASSESSMENT COSTS**

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter "BoCC") makes the following findings:

(1) Brevard County Fire Rescue's (hereinafter "BCFR") fire operations reserve funding has been spent down from a high of over \$14,000,000 in 2009 to roughly \$1,000,000 at present. This has occurred largely due to reserve spending having been used to meet basic operational expenses because the fire assessment collected has been insufficient to meet such needs; and

District 2 Includes

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(aggregate) tax increase from the Board of County Commissioners just as you have never received one during the time I have been in office.

Please keep in mind that Brevard Public Schools and certain independent special districts also have taxation authority. The Board of County Commissioners has absolutely zero authority to adjust either their budgets or any taxation decisions they may make.

There is potential good news, though. With the influx of federal stimulus funds, I have put forth a proposal to use a sizeable portion of those funds (roughly **\$17M**) to ensure that residents who would otherwise be impacted by the proposed increase in fire fees not face such increase for 12 - 24 months to allow folks to recover from the impacts of COVID and to allow the economy to heal.

When I recently presented this option to the County Commission, at least one other commissioner indicated that time was needed to consider it. I am hopeful it will gain traction and I fully intend to continue lobbying to further my proposal that we utilize stimulus funds to offset the impact of the fire assessment as doing so will serve to buffer the impact of this unavoidable fire assessment.

I could do the politically convenient (and spineless) thing and allow the other commissioners to take the political "hit" by voting against this increase, knowing it will pass anyway, but that would be disingenuous on my part. It must pass as there has been no alternative suggested, by anyone, which would allow us to continue to provide fire service at acceptable service levels for the reasons outlined above.

In sum, the proposed fire assessment is absolutely necessary and unavoidable but I will continue to advocate that we allocate additional, separate, funds to lessen the impact of its implementation on property owners.

If you should have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Truly,

/s/ Bryan A. Lober
County Commissioner, District 2



Bryan A. Lober, Commissioner, District 2
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April 15, 2021

** Via Electronic Mail **

Re: Proposed Fire Assessment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the proposed fire assessment.

I understand that no one wishes to face increasing costs, especially during a time in which many individuals and businesses are still struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. That said, attached herewith, please find a memorandum I drafted which details numerous reasons why the proposed assessment is likely unavoidable.

In addition to attaching the referenced memo, I will touch, herein, on a few salient points, some of which are contained in that document.

The recent history of the fire assessment is, to my understanding, as follows. Notwithstanding CPI, there was a low single digit percentage increase in the mid-2000s and a single substantial increase in 2018. The 2018 increase was implemented after the county hired an outside consultant to report back on a sustainable and appropriate assessment necessary to ensure existing levels of service did not degrade. Despite hiring a consultant to evaluate necessary fees, the 2018 increase was reduced 15% from the consultant's recommendation with the understanding it would have to be revisited with an increase again in 2021/2022 and that an increase would be unavoidable.

A large part of the reason we are facing the situation we now find ourselves in is due to a more than decade long practice of **reserve spending to maintain existing levels of service**. Roughly a dozen years ago, the county's fire reserves rested at over \$14M. They have been dwindled down to approximately \$1M. Thus, the current rate is and has been unsustainable even if no improvements to service are desired.

There are other historical reasons which contributed, albeit to a lesser extent, to the current predicament, but reserve spending was among the most profound.

Current levels of service are unacceptable. There are portions of the county, including some in my own district, which have the lowest possible ISO fire insurance rating. This essentially means that these homes are uninsurable for fire protection or that insurance is prohibitively expensive. Additionally, maintaining the same level of service is

problematic as we lose a tremendous number of those who we recruit between years 0 and 10 with a huge percentage between years 0 and 5. Our attrition rate in this group exceeds that of the rest of the organization (the County, itself). Our wages are not competitive and folks - perhaps apart from those who live nearby - often look for any opportunity to leave because the salary is simply not competitive. Yes, it is a great place to live and yes, our cost of living is low. But, to a freshly minted 20 or 30-year-old firefighter, the number on their paycheck has a huge impact on whether they will stay. Even if the fire assessment is fully implemented, we will be far from a so-called "destination" county for firefighters with luxurious salaries and benefits. We will simply be rendered in line with comparable departments.

More importantly, I have had career firefighters tell me rather bluntly that if we lay off first responders on crews which are already either at or below the minimum recommended by multiple national fire industry organizations that we may have very real consequences potentially as serious as the loss of human life. Even if there is only a slim chance that this may be accurate, such statements cannot be ignored.

We have explored numerous creative alternatives to implementing a rate increase and none have panned out. It is not for lack of effort or research. All appropriate due diligence has been done.

As to the belief that implementation of the fire assessment means that taxes are going up, that is an overly simplistic view which is not necessarily correct. There are perhaps two dozen distinct MSTUs and "buckets" which, collectively, account for the County's taxation. The tax charged by Brevard County is made by all these sources combined. An increase in one does not necessarily mean that the overall aggregate will increase.

When I ran to serve as a commissioner, in 2018, I ran most heavily on a pro-public safety and pro-infrastructure platform. After all, these are the most vital, core, roles of government. I made it very clear at the time that I intended to limit increases in as many individual MSTUs as possible to allow for increases in those related to police, fire rescue, and infrastructure (e.g., sewer, stormwater, roads, bridges, etc.) without an aggregate increase. Thus far, during my time in office, we have not faced an aggregate increase and I do not anticipate an aggregate increase irrespective of whether the fire assessment is approved as I expect it will be.

To reiterate, I fully acknowledge that the proposed fire assessment substantially increases the percentage of one of the roughly two dozen items on a property tax bill. However, nothing precludes Brevard County from adjusting some or all the other millages accordingly to ensure that we do not face an aggregate increase.

To this end, I've asked both the County Manager and Brevard County's Budget Director to formulate a budget which does not result in an increase in the aggregate millage (when all of the various Board of County Commissioner millages are tallied together). It is my strong belief that we will not have an aggregate increase as a result of the proposed fire assessment. For this reason, you should not expect to receive a notice of proposed

(2) As the reserves have been almost completely depleted over the course of the past dozen years, reserve spending is no longer a sustainable means of covering ongoing fire operations costs; and

(3) Reserve spending has allowed artificially low fire rates to be collected over this period; and

(4) While the proposed fire assessment results in a large percentage increase in fire fees, this percentage increase is tremendously misleading as the fire fees collected have not reflected actual costs as they were and remain insufficient to maintain existing levels of service; and

(5) Had prior commissioners, instead of kicking the can down the road as was done, charged rates sufficient to meet operational needs, there would be no need for such a substantial percentage increase; and

(6) Since 2008, there has been only one increase exceeding CPI to the fire assessment; and

(7) That increase was a low single digit percentage increase over CPI; and

(8) Brevard County's rate consultant, at the time, recommended a far higher increase than what was implemented; and

(9) Nonetheless, rates were kept artificially low with continued reserve spending; and

(10) The fire assessment is but one of roughly two dozen items which appear on a resident's tax bill which, together, constitute the tax charged to property owners by Brevard County; and

(11) While a supermajority of the BoCC has publicly expressed support for the implementation of a fire assessment, not a single County Commissioner has expressed support for increasing the aggregate rollback rate charged to residents; and

(12) Nearly all constituents would likely agree that certain governmental functions are not only appropriate but necessary; and

(13) Among the core obligations any government has to the community is providing for public safety; and

(14) Increasing the proportion of collected tax funds dedicated toward maintaining or improving public safety while concurrently reducing the proportion of collected tax funds dedicated to less critical governmental obligations is a goal of the BoCC; and

(15) To simply maintain existing levels of service is problematic given a high attrition rate amongst firefighters who have been with BCFR for less than ten (10) years, with an

abnormally high attrition rate amongst those with the organization less than five (5) years; and

(16) This attrition rate is due, in large part, to uncompetitive salaries when compared to comparable departments; and

(17) While the BoCC is not looking at making BCFR the highest paying department in the area, it is seeking to better ensure that competitive salaries are offered to aid in recruiting and retaining a sufficient number of qualified and competent first responders; and

(18) With the proposed fire assessment, not only will existing salaries be rendered more competitive, helping to stem attrition, but BCFR will also seek to recruit dozens of additional firefighters to better ensure continued ability to timely and professionally respond to a growing population; and

(19) It is anticipated that the proposed increase will additionally allow for reserves to be slowly built back up to a reasonable level; and

(20) It is anticipated that approximately \$118M will be disbursed, to the BoCC, through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (hereinafter "ARPA"); and

(21) Present indications suggest that, of the \$118M expected, from ARPA, a \$59M initial disbursement will be provided to the BoCC in the immediate to near future; and

(22) The BoCC recognizes that the fire assessment could not come at a worse time for a number of residents who have been severely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, it is hereby directed that BoCC staff work with County Finance to create a new cost center (or fund) in which to set aside \$8.7M of the initial \$59M (from ARPA) and that the \$8.7M set aside be restricted in use for the explicit purpose of offsetting any increase, exceeding CPI, which would otherwise be required of those who face increased costs as a result of implementation of the proposed fire assessment. It is contemplated that this \$8.7M initial allocation would roughly cancel out any increase faced by residents during the first year in which the fire assessment would be implemented.

If direct payment, to the tax collector, of the difference between what would otherwise be charged were the assessment not to pass (namely existing rates plus CPI) and whatever would be charged following approval of the proposed fire assessment would be incompatible with the requirements of ARPA (including any Dept. of Treasury guidance), staff shall timely advise the BoCC of recommended options to allow for the intent of this motion to be realized. Such options may include reimbursement of eligible public safety payroll expenses budgeted to be paid out of the general fund, freeing those general fund dollars to be used to achieve the intent of this motion absent ARPA restrictions.

no violation of [Fla. Stat. § 286.011]. However, the use of a memorandum to solicit comment from other members of the board or commission or the circulation of responsive memoranda by other board members would violate the statute. Such action would be equivalent to private meetings discussing the public business through the use of memoranda without allowing an opportunity for public input.¹⁷

Another Florida Attorney General opinion (AGO 89-23) found that “[t]he use of a written report by one [city] commissioner to inform other commissioners of a subject which will be discussed at a public meeting does not violate Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Law if prior to the public meeting, there is no interaction related to the report among the commissioners.”¹⁸ Again, in that situation, the other commissioners were not requested to and did not provide any comments on the report prior to the public meeting. The Attorney General determined that the memorandum would be allowed as long as “[t]he circumstances . . . do not . . . involve the use of a report as a substitute for action at a public meeting, inasmuch as there is no interaction among the commissioners prior to the public meeting.” Furthermore, the memorandum cannot be used by other city officials, such as a city manager, “to act as intermediary among the commissioners” to ask “each commissioner to state his or her position on a specific matter which will foreseeably be considered by the commission at a public meeting in order to provide information to the members of the commission.”¹⁹

Conclusion

A County commissioner is permitted to prepare and circulate a memorandum on an issue to go before the Board. However, no discussions of the information/positions outlined in the memorandum can be discussed outside of a public meeting; the memorandum cannot solicit feedback from the other Board members; there cannot be any responses to the memorandum prior to the public meeting; and, because the memorandum is a public record, a copy must be made available to the public. Additionally, the memorandum/statement cannot be used as a substitute for action at a public meeting and cannot be used to enable staff to act as an intermediary among the commissioners.

¹⁷Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 96-35.

¹⁸Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 89-23 (1989).

¹⁹*Id.*

Stern, Danielle

From: Richard Kyle Heffelfinger <aheffs4@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Abbate, Frank B
Cc: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5
Subject: Submittal of proposed Option 3 for Fire Assessment
Attachments: Option 3 Fire Assessment.pdf

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Attached is another possible option for the Fire Assessment.

I look forward to discussing this option in more detail at the public hearing tomorrow (4/20/21)

Thanks,

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April 19, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

Dear Commissioners,

I previously objected to the Board of County Commissioners adopting the Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate (rate change of 35%).

Since receiving the notice I have continued researching the situation in preparation for the public meeting on April 20th.

I am submitting the following plan as an alternation to the two plans currently being considered.

The current proposals are:

- 29% (Tier I) 20% toward Personnel and 10% toward C,I, and R.
- 35% (Tier 1/2 hybrid) 25% toward Personnel and 10% toward C,I, and R.

I would like to propose an alternative solution for the Fire Assessment of 15%. My proposal may, depending on the Commissioners willingness to allocate current CARES monies and earmark future Stimulus money, also be able to match personnel request of Tier I and meet and exceed Tier I C,I, and R

- 15% (Proposed) 15% toward personnel. Creation of a personnel "Bonus Fund" equal to 5% (1.3M/year) and C, I, and R costs fully funded at Tier I using Previously acquired CARES money and future Stimulus money.

It was stated in the workshop that tier I request contained the desired level for Capitol, Infrastrucuter, and reserve increases. It was also stated that the allocation for the increase was said to be 20% of the increase was for personnel and 10% percent of the money was for Capitol, Infrastrucuter, and reserve.

Therefore Tier 1 would net 8.6 M and Tier 1 hybrid 9M

Tier 1 would provide 2.6 M/yr for C,I, and R and 5.2 M/year for Personnel

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Tier 1/2 hybrid would provide 2.6M/yr for C,I, and R and 6.4 M/year for Personnel

My Proposed would provide 2.6 M/yr for C,I, and R and 5 M (3.9 M/year salary + 1.3M/year bonus fund)

In addition to the 3.9M generated by the 15% assessment tax, additional funding required for the proposed 7 year plan would be:

- 18.2 M from CARES/Stimulus to fund C, I, and R
- 9.1 M from CARES/Stimulus to fund the personnel "Bonus Fund"

Sincerely,

Richard K Heffelfinger

Richard K Heffelfinger

Stern, Danielle

From: gwen.woodling <gwen.woodling@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Fire assessment increase

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This correspondence is to let you know that my husband and I are strongly opposed to the proposed increase in the fire assessment for this year and indefinite years to follow. We built and have lived in our home in unincorporated Brevard County for 42 years. We raised our 4 children here and are presently retired and on a fixed income. We cannot continue to pay increases in taxes and keep the home that

We worked so hard on and paid so much in taxes for. How is it fair that now that the fire departments need more resources because of the surge in population and development in our county, that the people who have been paying taxes the longest will have to carry the tax burden for the developers who are going to make millions? Why not have the people who are causing this need for increased resources pay them in the form of impact fees?

In addition, we think that cost saving measures within the fire department could lessen the need for the increase. Why are they able to drive a big hook and ladder truck to Publix to shop during work hours? Also, if the lieutenants get to drive their vehicles home, doesn't that mean that the department needs two cars instead of one?

As our representative, we implore you to encourage all of the commissioners to seek other ways to solve the revenue problem besides burdening those taxpayers who have carried the burden for so long and are least able to manage it.

Thank you for your time.

Gwen and Steve Woodling

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Stern, Danielle

From: lora zehrbach <lora_zehrbach@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:48 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Vote for County's Fire Assessment- Tax Hike 4/20/2020

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Good Day Mrs. Zonka,

I am reaching out to you today to implore you to vote no on this tax increase. Every year my property taxes continue to rise.

These unnecessary tax increases make it more difficult for a single person to afford not the property or home, but the high taxes.

I ask you to please consider the people of Brevard County before adding more undue burden on their already stretched budgets.

In the last 4 years my property taxes for my home have increased way past the rate of inflation and now they want you add an additional burden to my already stretched budget.

Please vote no on this added tax for the benefit of the residents of Brevard County.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns in this matter,

Lora Zehrbach
641 Iroquois St
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Stern, Danielle

From: Richard Kyle Heffelfinger <aheffs4@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:39 PM
To: Abbate, Frank B
Cc: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5
Subject: Will somebody from BCFR be at the Public hearing on 4/20/21 to answer questions??

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Frank,

I am currently attempting to gather information about the BCFR budget. In particular, budget projections that show where the money from the proposed tax increase will go. I have a request in with the County budget office but would like to know who at BCFR I can talk to and if someone from BCFR will be available to address question at the public hearing on 4/20/21.

Thanks,

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321-301-4144

Stern, Danielle

From: jacob@southeastserv.com
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Vote for County's Fire Assessment - Tax Hike 4/20/2021

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Good Day Mrs. Zonka,

I am reaching out to you today to urge you to vote no on this tax hike. Every year my property taxes continue to go, which makes it harder and harder each year. I ask you to please consider the people of Brevard County before adding more burden to them to live here. In the last 4 years my property taxes for my home have gone up \$425.48, my business has gone up \$1,641.48 in the last couple years, and now they want you add an additional \$120.45 to my expenses. I currently have to pay \$80 per month for a fire riser at one of my buildings, this riser was put here many years ago from an owner that it was required for, yet it is not a requirement for our use, but I am not allowed to get rid of it. So, we have pay \$80 per month, plus have to pay for it to be inspected each year, and now they want to tax us more. Please vote no on this added tax to us residents of this county. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concern.

Thanks,

Jacob McCarver
321-302-2206 Cell

A Religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing – Dr. Martin Luther King

Stern, Danielle

From: Daniel Murphy <murphydaniel@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Proposed Brevard County Fire Services special Assessment rate In

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Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
1040 South Florida Ave
Rockledge, FL 32955

March 31, 2021

FROM:

DANIEL MURPHY
1442 BAYSHORE DR.
COCOA BEACH, FL

Reply to your request for an increase to my Fire taxes:

County residents in the unincorporated South Cocoa Beach County area are paying a premium Brevard County for fire services that are below the MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS established by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

ISO creates ratings (scores) for fire departments and their surrounding communities. The ratings calculate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in that community. The ISO provides this score to homeowners insurance companies.

Currently, South Cocoa Beach County area residents are served by the Satellite Beach Fire Department (SBFD). Due to the distance from SBFD (over 5 miles away), the ISO rates the area as ISO 10. The ISO scale ranges from 1 to 10 with 10 being the worst possible rating: "does not meet the MINIMUM requirements". As a result, insurance companies have dropped coverage for many South Cocoa Beach residents. In cases where insurance is written, the rates are doubling and tripling.

The solution is quite simple, and has been used in Rockledge and other areas. It is called an "Auto Aid Agreement". This is an agreement between Brevard County and the City of Cocoa Beach, to allow the City of Cocoa Beach Fire Department (CBFD) to take the first call for fire emergencies in the South Cocoa Beach County area.

By shifting the first call fire responsibility to CBFD, fire department operations improve for everyone, including Satellite Beach, Cocoa Beach, and Brevard County. This eliminates unnecessary bureaucracy, and generally improves the overall well-being and fire safety of ALL the residents of Brevard County.

In addition, it has been discovered that within the area there is deteriorating and inadequate infrastructure, including roads, fire hydrants, and water supply, to provide safe and effective fire services. If an Auto Aid Agreement is implemented, and the required infrastructure improvements are made, it will likely improve the ISO rating for South Cocoa Beach County to ISO 2.

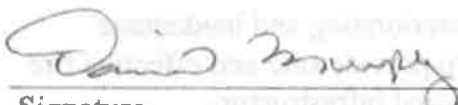
requested only \$256,251/year to provide complete fire services to those same County resident South Cocoa Beach area. This leaves approximately \$400,000 for infrastructure maintenance and improvement.

Rather than providing a cost effective, proven solution for fire protection for South Cocoa Beach County residents, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners has informed us of the desire to increase our non-ad valorem fire taxes without a communicated plan to improve the ISO rating in the South Cocoa Beach County area.

This is unacceptable! The people in the South Cocoa Beach County deserve better!

Notes:

- The City of Cocoa Beach is in NO WAY, SHAPE, or FORM, suggesting or wanting to annex the County area of South Cocoa Beach. This agreement would only IMPROVE fire safety and protection.
- Absolutely NO CHANGE to taxes for the City of Cocoa Beach.
- Improved response and coverage for City taxpayers by adding 3 additional firefighters. Additional firefighters and equipment would be paid for, using current fire taxes from South Cocoa Beach County residents. The cost for the firefighters accounts for only 3 of the current taxes collected from South Cocoa Beach, by Brevard County.
- Remaining taxes from the South Cocoa Beach residents could be used for infrastructure upgrades.
- Once upgrades are complete, the excess taxes could be returned to the South Cocoa Beach County residents.
- SBFD can improve their fire protection by concentrating their efforts on a MUCH smaller footprint.
- The City of Cocoa Beach has made a reasonable proposal to Brevard County. Brevard County needs to agree to move forward immediately.
- This issue has persisted for over 30 years and needs to be addressed NOW, before residents are negatively impacted.


Signature

4-7-21
Date

Stern, Danielle

From: Richard Kyle Heffelfinger <aheffs4@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5
Cc: Abbate, Frank B; SWM_Webmis
Subject: Objection to the Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate
Attachments: Heffelfinger objection 4_7_2021.pdf

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Commissioners,

Attached please find my letter objecting to the Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

Thank You,

Richard K Heffelfinger
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Rick Heffelfinger
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April 7, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

Dear Commissioners,

I object to the Board of County Commissioners adopting the Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate (rate change of 35%).

Since receiving the notice I have been researching the situation in preparation for the public meeting on April 20th. During the Board meeting yesterday (April 6, 2021) I encouraged the board to conduct a detailed review of the BCFR budget in hopes of finding cost savings items that may be able to save the tax payers some money while still being fair to the men and women of BCFR.

I ask that the Board of County Commissioners have an open mind during the public meeting and demonstrate a willingness to work with concerned taxpayers, and consider suggestions I hope to provide in the coming days. I look forward to having a constructive discussion during the meeting.

In the spirit of encouraging fiscal constraint, my first suggestion to BCFR is to amend their Mission statement.

From:

- "To meet **and exceed** the needs of the community through the highest level of emergency response and prevention services."

To:

- "To meet the needs of the community through the highest level of emergency response and prevention services **that can be achieved in a fiscally responsible manner.**"

Sincerely,

Richard K Heffelfinger

Richard K Heffelfinger

Stern, Danielle

From: James McMullan <jlmcmullan@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 11:07 PM
To: Commissioner, D4
Cc: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D5
Subject: Fire Service Special Assessment

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Dear Curt Smith

I received notice of a substantial increase (35%) in the Fire Service Special Assessment. In addition the proposed change would provide for an automatic increase each year based on the CPI.

This proposal doesn't pass the smell test and I will be very interested in seeing how the County Commission handles it. I live in Windover Farms of Melbourne and I am retired living on a fixed income. I vote at every election and so far my memory has not failed me.

First, a 35% increase in one year is hard to justify. We already have significant growth in the number of homes and apartments being assessed due to the building boom going on. That should cover additional personnel and equipment necessary to support the growing population. The letter doesn't really address why a 35% increase is needed. Certainly we should pay our fire fighters and EMTs fairly but I doubt that they should be receiving anywhere close to a 35% raise.

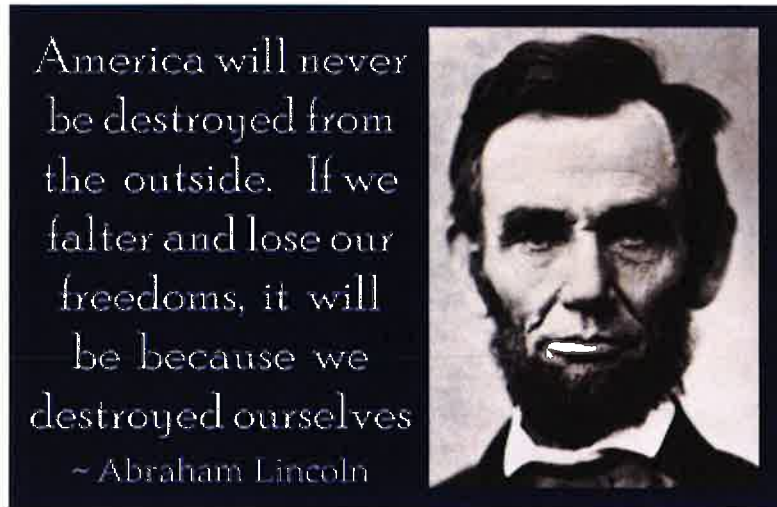
Second, a cost of living adjustment based on a formula seems to be anti-democratic. Each year's budget should be reviewed and adjusted based on the current circumstances not some formula. A formula may make it easier on the county commissioners but it is not in the best interest of the people they represent.

An additional consideration is the waste of resources when there is a call due to health reasons (heart attack, stroke, fall, etc.). As I understand it every time EMTs are sent on a call a fire truck accompanies them. This makes sense for most automobile accidents but appears totally unjustified when the call is related only to a person's health.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

- I am copying this Email to many of my friends and neighbors to make sure they understand what is going on and to encourage them to make their wishes known. As I understand it the hearing on this will be held in the Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera Florida 32940 on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

[Fire tax hike could have West Melbourne considering its own fire dept \(floridatoday.com\)](https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/04/19/fire-tax-hike-could-have-west-melbourne-considering-its-own-fire-dept/7251112002)



James L McMullan

Please feel free to forward this message.

If you would like to be removed from my mailing list please Email me a request to do so.

Stern, Danielle

From: Kurt Bienias <kurtbienias@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 8:45 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

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Hi Kristine,

I received a letter, dated March 19, 2021, regarding the subject assessment rate. If you're taking inputs, I would like to share the following as I believe they mirror most of your voters:

- We value our Fire Services.
- We've had a rough time all said and done for the last year plus. People have lost jobs, seen major disruptions in their lives, etc.
- Now is not the time to increase the living costs of those still trying to get over this pandemic era.

Thank you for your time.

Kurt Bienias

Stern, Danielle

From: Casey Haddock <caseyhaddock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

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Commissioner Zonka,

I recently received a notice of public hearing on a proposed fire services special assessment rate increase, planned for 20-Apr-2021.

I'm interested in your opinion of the planned rate increase. As a property owner within the unincorporated area of Brevard county I value the service provided by Brevard County Fire Rescue, I'm concerned by the amount of the proposed assessment. From what was provided in the notice, it appears that the assessment amount will increase roughly 35%. I trust that there is an objective methodology used in the determination of this amount, especially given the ongoing pandemic and the risk we all face to our finances.

Have you been provided with sufficient detail on the need for such a large increase at this time?

Thank you,
Ralph Haddock
508 S River Oaks Dr, 32903

Stern, Danielle

From: jake@southeastserv.com
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:24 AM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Vote NO for County's Fire Assessment - Tax Hike 4/20/2021

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To my County Commissioner,

I am taking the time to write this and send it to you. Here we are with yet another tax hike coming at us. In a time of uncertainty with all that is going on in our country today, we DO NOT need this added tax hike. This is Florida, not California. My personal home property taxes are already very high. I pay thousands to the Brevard County Public School system that my wife and I do not even use, as my wife homeschools our kids. My business property taxes have gone up \$1,641.48 in the last couple years. There seems to be no end to this. I work very hard to provide for my family as well as the constant stress of providing work for my employees, so they can do the same for their families.

There is something called a "BUDGET". It's about time that becomes a reality, instead of taking and taking from all of the good hardworking citizens in Brevard County. You were put in your position by us, the people. I ask that you vote NO on this proposed added burden to the people of Brevard County.

THANKS,

**JAKE HARRELL
SOUTHEAST SERVICES OF CFL
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Stern, Danielle

From: John F. Young <jyoung9434@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Brevard County Fire Rescue needs to be rescued? RE: March 20th hearing with County Commissioners

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Stern, Danielle

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Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Re-transmit (corrected typos and dates). Brevard County Fire Recue needs rescuing?
RE: April 20th hearing with County Commissioners

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Stern, Danielle

From: Sharon Savastio <sharonsavastio@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Special Fire Assessment
Attachments: Kristine Zonka Fire Assessment 2021.docx

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Commissioner Zonka,

Attached for your review.

Regards,
Sharon Savastio

April 19, 2021

Commissioner Kristine Zonka,
Commissioner District 5

Dear Commissioner Zonka,

This letter addresses the proposed Fire Services Special Assessment. While it is understood that periodic increases are necessary to maintain the quality of services that are provided by Rescue and Fire Service personnel, I feel that the current proposal of thirty-five (35%) percent is excessive and burdensome for the homeowner. In this time of economic stress, families without jobs, those struggling to pay their bills, and with many just trying to make it month to month, the current proposed 35% percent increase is not manageable.

Additionally, I believe the manner in which this increase is to be implemented is very irregular. An increase that goes into place and is intended to remain in place without a yearly review until further action by the Board of County Commissioners is basically in place forever.

In reviewing the current information available regarding this proposed increase, a more reasonable and acceptable approach would be implementing the requested increase in three phases. An increase of fifteen (15%) percent in year 2021, followed by a ten (10%) percent increase in each of the two following years. While still burdensome, this approach would certainly be much more achievable for property owners that would pay this increase. In fact, based on compounding and implementing this approach, the actual increase that would be realized by the Fire Service would amount to approximately thirty-nine (39%) percent over a three-year period.

In the past, the largest increase that was supported by the Board of Commissioners was six (6%) in 2018. Previously to that, moderate increases were made and implemented that could be reviewed each year during the budget process. The fact that this proposed change is stated in the letter of notification as a dollar amount and not defined as a percentage was very misleading to the average person. To the property owner who is notified, there is a proposed increase of \$\$\$'s based on the square footage and Use Code Designation of their property. The dollar amount may seem high, but it does not get their attention until it is realized that it amounts to a 35% percent increase. No matter the home size, large or small, the increase is still 35% percent.

In closing, I am urging you to reconsider the amount and method in which this proposed "Special Assessment" is to be implemented. It should also be said that property owners are not against pay increases for Fire Service personnel, but object to the amount and the manner in which this Special Fire Service Assessment is to be implemented.

Regards,

Michael and Sharon Savastio
4701 Anise Tree Ct.
Melbourne, FL 3293

Roth, Joy

From: Webmaster@BrevardWeb.org
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:37 PM
To: Roth, Joy
Subject: County Commissioners

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Subject County Commissioners

Department Board Of County Commissioners

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Park

First Name Michael

Last Name Wicker

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City Melbourne

State FL

Zip 32940

PhoneNumber 3215444970

Email Address wicker123@gmail.com

Contact By Email Or Phone True

Date Served 3/22/2021

Assisted By

Type Of Services Na

Waiting Period Na

**Courteous
Attitude** 5

Responsiveness

Helpfulness

**Overall Rating Of
Services**

Comments Do not even think about raising our fire assessment. You need more money. Get it from the people moving down here from out of state. Investigate the snowbirds that are only here six months getting homestead exemption. You're just playing live within your means. The commission before you had to do it when times were tough. Just because they're good don't start asking for more money. please. It's a great way to get voted right out of office.

Date Submitted 3/22/2021 9:36:42 PM

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*Thank you,
Brevard County.*



Roth, Joy

From: Roth, Joy
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Wallace, Matthew
Cc: Richey, Kaye
Subject: FW: County Commissioners

Matt,

Would you please have the appropriate person respond to Mr. Sadler. His contact information is below. Thank you.

Joy

From: Webmaster@BrevardWeb.org <Webmaster@BrevardWeb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Roth, Joy <Joy.Roth@brevardfl.gov>
Subject: County Commissioners

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Department	Board Of County Commissioners
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Park	
First Name	John
Last Name	Sadler
Address	6918 McGrady Drive
City	Melbourne
State	FL

Zip 32940
PhoneNumber 219-256-9575
Email Address Jpsadlereal@msn.com

Contact By Email Or Phone True

Date Serviced 3/23/2021

Assisted By

Type Of Services Assessment

Waiting Period NA

Courteous Attitude

Responsiveness

Helpfulness

Overall Rating Of Services 1

Comments I received a notice concerning a public hearing for a special and going forward assessment for fire rescue services in Brevard County. I don't see any reasoning in the notice as to why there is a need for more money? I am opposed to this increase based upon this letter due to the fact that there is no explanation. I might also be opposed if I was provided the information as to why this huge increase is necessary for our non-ad valorem taxes. In addition to a special assessment there is a CPI increase or 3% is planned for future tax years? That's insane and I cannot support any commissioner who votes for this to go forward.

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