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April 16, 2021

Laura-Marie Leonard  
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Email: lmdl14@att.net

To: Brevard County Board of County Commissioners,

RE: A CITIZEN VOICE **IN SUPPORT** OF PROPOSED BREVARD COUNTY FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Like most seniors on a fixed income, additional fees or assessments on my annual Property Tax bill are not a welcome item. However, I wish to be counted as a voice in support of our Brevard County Fire-Rescue Department's requested assessment as they perform valuable services to all of us, especially in our times of greatest need. In order for them to continue and expand on those services, we, as citizens, need to be sure they have the tools and equipment they need to perform those tasks.

I've been fortunate to never have had a fire at my home. However, I have had to call on the services of Fire-Rescue for emergency medical help numerous times, even as recently as December and January. Each and every time, all of the staff members who arrived at my home (within minutes) were extremely professional, efficient and compassionate to me and to my elderly mother who resides with me. They came to our aid without hesitation. Likewise, we should respond to their needs of funding so that they may continue to give such excellent service to our community.

I had hoped to attend the meeting and present my opinion to you in person, but I am unable to make it at that time. However, I give my full permission for you to present my letter aloud if you wish to do so.

Sincerely yours,



Laura-Marie Leonard

Griffin  
Wants Additional info

**Barrett, Pamela A**

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**From:** rescue, fire  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:12 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Pamela A; Martinez, Kristin  
**Cc:** Voltaire, Patrick M  
**Subject:** FW: Fire Fee increase

Third FA inquiry sent to our County email.

Janine Ernst  
Fire Operations Administrative Secretary  
Office: (321) 633-2056 ext. 59766  
Direct: (321) 350-9766  
Janine.ernst@brevardfl.gov

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Griffin <hdridermlb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** rescue, fire <fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov>  
**Subject:** Fire Fee increase

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

There must be a document somewhere on the county web pages that explains in detail the planned increase in expenditures with supporting information and justification. Can you please include a link to this document on your FAQ web page so we can better understand what was already presented to the County Commissioners.

**Barrett, Pamela A**

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**From:** rescue, fire  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Pamela A; Martinez, Kristin  
**Cc:** Voltaire, Patrick M  
**Subject:** FW: Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

Below is the second FA email sent to us.

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**From:** Dominique Flickinger <[dominiquef@ecbcx.com](mailto:dominiquef@ecbcx.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** rescue, fire <[fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov](mailto:fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mark Flickinger <[markf@ecbcx.com](mailto:markf@ecbcx.com)>  
**Subject:** Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

We received a notice yesterday dated March 19 regarding a possible increase in the special assessment levied against our property. The notice stated the amount would be "up to \$207.06". **Over what time period?** Will the increase be **3% or the CPI**, whichever is lower, each year **until the "up to"** amount has been met? Or will that amount be levied as of October 2021? If all of the increase is in one year that would be a 35% increase.

Please let us know if we need to attend the public hearing to get these answers, or if your office is able to explain. Thank you.

**Dominique Flickinger** President, CBCP



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O'Connell  
Not in jurisdiction?

**Barrett, Pamela A**

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**From:** rescue, fire  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:09 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Pamela A; Martinez, Kristin  
**Cc:** Voltaire, Patrick M  
**Subject:** FW: Special Assessment

Good Morning!

Per Chief Voltaire, I'm forwarding copies of the 4 Fire Assessment inquiries that were sent to our County email so that you may have them for your records.

Below is the first email that was sent to us on 3/22/2021.

Thank you!

*Janine Ernst*

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**From:** [joconn2@aol.com](mailto:joconn2@aol.com) <[joconn2@aol.com](mailto:joconn2@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:36 PM  
**To:** rescue, fire <[fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov](mailto:fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Special Assessment

I received a letter today notifying us of an increase in the fire services special assessment rate to be applied to our property. As best as I can determine, our property is not within any of the jurisdictions listed in the letter. Our property (home) is located in Viera at 1090 Mayflower Avenue, 32940. Please confirm or correct the applicability of the increased special assessment to this property by return e-mail. Thank you for your attention to this request.

James J O'Connell  
1090 Mayflower Avenue  
Viera, FL 32940  
321-622-8655

**Barrett, Pamela A**

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**From:** rescue, fire  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Pamela A; Martinez, Kristin  
**Cc:** Voltaire, Patrick M  
**Subject:** FW: 35% Special Assessment/ Fire Rescues

**Importance:** High

This is the fourth FA inquiry sent to us.

Thank you!

*Janine Ernst*

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**From:** Sharon Savastio <[sharonsavastio@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sharonsavastio@cfl.rr.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 6:10 AM

**To:** rescue, fire <[fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov](mailto:fire.rescue@brevardfl.gov)>

**Subject:** 35% Special Assessment/ Fire Rescues

**Importance:** High

What percentage of the thirty-five percent (35%) is actually being earmarked for Fire Personnel salaries?

Thank you,

Michael Savastio

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