




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Inter-Office Memo**

TO: Charter Review Commission

FROM: James Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager 

DATE: February 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Finding of Critical Needs Summary

At the January 6, 2022 meeting, the Charter Review Commission discussed Member Blaise Trettis' proposal (Proposal #1) regarding Article 2.9.3.1, Limitations on growth in ad valorem tax revenues, also known as the Charter Cap. It was requested that staff provide information on the fiscal impact information had the Proposal #1 been in place historically.

Attached is the summary of the impact from the two Findings of Critical Needs in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

If further information is requested by the Charter Review Commission, staff will be happy to respond.

Thank you.

## **Brevard County Charter Cap – Finding of Critical Needs Summary**

The Brevard County Charter Review Commission, on January 6, 2022, discussed Proposal #1, and requested that staff provide the financial impact had this provision been in place historically.

### **Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

On September 13, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners adopted resolutions for the finding of critical needs for the following three taxing districts. The charter cap millage rate was exceeded for these districts.

***Note: If critical need revenues were rolled-back, recurring expenses would need to be funded through other budget reductions.***

- **General Fund – Increase over Charter Cap of \$2,459,651**  
Findings of Critical Need include Sheriff's Office for personnel and capital equipment needs, \$959K (recurring); Supervisor of Elections for election needs, \$1.2M (recurring); 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustments, \$506K (recurring); Road & Bridge Maintenance, \$1.26M (recurring); Transit Services, \$156K (recurring); Veteran's Services, \$40K (recurring); **Cumulative Impact FY18 thru FY22 if Critical Need Revenue Rolled-Back, \$13.59M**
- **Road & Bridge District 1 MSTU – Increase over Charter Cap of \$495,836**  
Finding of Critical Needs to address unfunded road resurfacing and reconstruction needs identified within the district (recurring); **Cumulative Impact FY18 thru FY22 if Critical Need Revenue Rolled-Back, \$2.69M**
- **Road & Bridge District 5 MSTU – Increase over Charter Cap of \$18,918**  
Finding of Critical Needs to address unfunded road resurfacing and reconstruction needs identified within the district (recurring); **Cumulative Impact FY18 thru FY22 if Critical Need Revenue Rolled-Back, \$100.4K**

**Cumulative 5-Year Impact if FY2016-2017 Critical Need Revenue Rolled-Back, \$16,383,442**

### **Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

On July 23, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution for the finding of critical needs to support an increase in the Law Enforcement MSTU. The charter cap millage rate was exceeded for this taxing district. ***Note: If critical need revenues were rolled-back, recurring expenses would need to be funded through other budget reductions.***

- **Law Enforcement MSTU – Increase over Charter Cap of \$942,309**  
Finding of Critical Needs including the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, requiring changes in school security and an increase in school resource deputies from 10 to 37, resulting in a fiscal impact to BCSO of \$1,002,511, which doesn't include \$650K in equipment and vehicle costs; additional critical needs include challenges in recruitment and retention due to non-competitive starting pay (recurring).

**Cumulative Impact FY21 thru FY22 if Critical Need Impact Rolled-Back, \$1.87M**