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

March 31, 2021

FROM:

Carol Bradshaw
98 West Bay Drive
Cocoa Beach FL
32991

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 to 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 to 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.

Brevard County is currently collecting \$654,831/year in fire taxes and non-ad valorem fire taxes from the affected County residents of the South Cocoa Beach area. The City of Cocoa Beach has

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requested only \$256,251/year to provide complete fire services to those same County residents of 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 their 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 the South Cocoa Beach County residents. The cost for the firefighters accounts for only 38% 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

3-31-21
Date

April 6, 2021

Brown

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed increase of the special assessment for fire services.

Site address: 1953 Woodfield Circle W. Melbourne 32904

Parcel ID: 28 3707-30-*-9

Tax Account Number: 2860331


Susan Brown

Ms. Susan L. Brown
1953 Woodfield Cir
Melbourne, FL 32904

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Burden

April 9, 2021

Mr. Olen W. Burden
1705 Misty Way
Titusville, FL. 32780

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in reference to your letter of March 19, 2021, regarding the proposed Fire Services Special Assessment (FSSA) and the proposed annual increase special assessment to the FSSA.

First off, let me say that as a property owner in Brevard County I am totally against any and all new taxes and special assessments! I am aghast and unable to explain why, during a difficult period of time for many families dealing with COVID-19 related issues (i.e. job losses, job slowdowns, loss of homes, cars, etc.) our county board would proposed new taxes and open ended special assessments. How in the world do you expect families to cope with this?? The open ended annual increase is the worst idea of all... it stays in place, in perpetuity, until such time as the board sees fit to cancel it? Really? It is highly conceivable that once an open ended tax is levied, that doesn't have to be re-visited and approved every year, chances are it is most likely to stay in place at the detriment of us property owners as it won't be periodically reviewed.

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Second, why is \$35M+ needed? Where is this money going? Your letter doesn't say... just that this is what the tax will be generating. Please... let us actually see a copy of a tax audit to show where these monies are being spent. We're paying the tax... we have a right to know. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olen W. Burden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "O" and "B".

Mr. O. W. Burden

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

I am Patricia R. Burgett;

property owner of 6061 Banbury Ave.
Cocoa FL 32927

3-28-2021
Burgett

parcel ID number: 233522-01-128-32

Tax Account number: 2308067
to: Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue - Fire Operations.

I am seventy four years old and I am not
able to come to the meeting. I am home
from the hospital, trying to recover from
COVID 19 and pneumonia in both lungs. I am
a widow and having a hard time trying
to survive on my only income of Social Security
disability.

I object to Brevard County Fire Rescue Fire Service
special Assessment rates to be raised.

I object

thank you

Patricia R. Burgett
6061 Banbury Ave
Cocoa FL 32927

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*****NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER*****

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021

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6061 BANBURY AVE
COCOA, FL 32927-9147

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BREVARD COUNTY FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATE
Contacts: If you have questions about the Fire Assessment please call Brevard County Fire Rescue: (321) 350-9734. Also see our Frequently Asked Questions at <https://www.brevardfl.gov/firerescue/Education/FAQ>.

If you have questions about your city being included in the assessment please call your city: City of West Melbourne: (321) 727-7700; Town of Palm Shores: (321) 242-4555; Town of Melbourne Village: (321) 723-8300 and Town of Grant-Valkaria: (321) 951-1380.

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to notify you the County will consider a proposed adjustment to your current Fire Services Special Assessment that will be included in your 2021 property tax bill to support fire services and the calculation for the Fire Services Special Assessment on an annual basis going forward. Brevard County Fire Rescue is the provider of fire services/protection services within the unincorporated area of Brevard County, the City of West Melbourne, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, and the Town of Palm Shores (the "Benefit Area"). The Department provides fire protection services and levies the Fire Services Special Assessment fee to provide partial funding to pay the cost of making fire services/protection available for all improved property within the benefit area of the County.



The Fire Services Special Assessment is collected using the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments as set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. The Fire Services Special Assessment is an existing non-ad valorem assessment that is annually assessed. Based upon the proposed adjustment, the total annual Fire Services Special Assessment revenue to be collected for fiscal year 2021-2022 is estimated to be up to \$35,025,999.26. Also proposed is an annual increase to the Fire Services Special Assessment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less. If approved, the proposed assessment for your property (see details below) starts in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. For each fiscal year thereafter, the rate will increase by CPI or 3% until such time that further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

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The amount of the Fire Services Special Assessment to be applied against each parcel will be based upon the property use code designated by the Property Appraiser and square footage ranges, where applicable, as well as the applicable hazard code, as determined by the National Fire Protection Agency standard. Further information on the rules governing the Fire Assessment can be found in Section 98-46 to 98-59 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances at

https://library.municode.com/fl/brevard_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH98SPDI_ARTIIMUSEBEUNMSS_DIV3SPASREPR_S98-46PU

The proposed assessment for the subject property is calculated below. The Town of Palm Shores (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Melbourne Village (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Grant-Valkaria (Resolution 2007-11) and the City of West Melbourne (Resolution 2007-08) have authorized the County to include the properties located within their boundaries in the Fire Services Special Assessment under the same rate schedule as properties in the unincorporated area of the County. If you have questions about your Town/City's participation in the assessment, we ask that you contact the City or Town manager at the phone number above.

Site Address or Legal Description:

6061 BANBURY AVE COCOA 32927

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.24

Based Upon Square Footage of: 1057

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA2

Parcel ID Number:

23 3522-01-128-32

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$110.13

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$148.68

Tax Account Number:

2308067

Difference between current and proposed annual rate, up to: + \$38.55

If approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the proposed Fire Service Special Assessment will be reflected in your 2021 tax bill which is sent in November 2021.

Pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and at the direction of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, Notice is given that **the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 20, 2021** to consider the rates for the Brevard County Fire Rescue Fire Service Special Assessment. The hearing will be held in the Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board of County Commissioners at the above address within twenty (20) days of receiving this notice. The Fire Services Special Assessment will continue annually at the rates established at this hearing until further action of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. The Fire Services Special Assessment shall appear on the ad valorem tax bill 2021 that is mailed in November 2021 and will be collected by the Tax Collector.

Pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, we are required to notify you that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against your property and may result in loss of title.

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Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021

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PORT JEFFERSON STATION, NY 11776-3114

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Site Address or Legal Description:

509 JENNIFER CIR WEST MELBOURNE 32904

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.12

Based Upon Square Footage of: 1256

Use Code Designation: 213

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRB3

Parcel ID Number:

28 3708-05-D-80

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$88.97

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$120.11

Tax Account Number:

2822370

Difference between current and proposed annual rate, up to: + \$31.14

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your asking a lot from seniors that are on a fixed income. If that is what you want the seniors to pay. What are the people with the large houses paying? ✓

Flickinger

**Mark & Dominique Flickinger
189 River Park Blvd.
Titusville, FL 32780**

April 4, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 S. Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955

Re: Notice Dated March 19, 2021
Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

To whom it may concern,

We would like to file a written **objection** for the above notice regarding an increase in the proposed fire services special assessment. This proposed assessment increases the current rate by 35% in the first year and then equal to the CPI or 3% (whichever is less) thereafter. Our objection is to the immediate 35% increase. Reasons include:

1. The timing of this increase could not be worse. Insurance costs for home owners have increased this year by between 40% and 60%. This on top of the economic pressures caused by Covid-19.
2. Brevard County has received tens of millions of dollars from the Federal Government to assist with the economic impact caused by Covid-19. Why aren't some of those funds being directed to this need?
3. Why is there such an apparently large deficit that needs to be funded? A 35% increase would imply some extreme mismanagement of funds.
4. What specifically will this money be used for? We would like a full accounting of the use of these funds, and not a vague statement like "new equipment".

We fully support Brevard County Fire Rescue and their services. An increase of 3% each year to satisfy a general increase in costs is reasonable. 35% is not. Further explanation should be given to the public so they could make a more informed decision. Unfortunately we are not able to attend the public hearing as it occurs during regular working hours when we are trying to make a living. Thank you for your attention to our objects. We look forward to receiving some answers.

Mark & Dominique Flickinger
321-480-1220 or 386-228-5470

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VERN H. GODING

648 Acacia Avenue

Melbourne Village, Florida 32904-2302

Email: evidtech@earthlink.net

Tel: 321-725-1049

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27 March, 2021

Brevard County Board of Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue-Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

Vern H. Goding Trust (FS-119)
Vern H. Goding Trustee (FS-119)
648 Acacia Avenue
Melbourne Village, Florida 32904-2302

Re: Your Notice of 03/19/21

Dear Commissioners:

We all, You and Individuals, have endured great financial losses and forced business closures the last 15 months. Individuals and forcibly closed businesses have no recourse to recover our losses. We can't raise Taxes like you can and only those businesses that supply you can raise prices to compensate and recover their losses.

As one of those who worked very hard over two years, in north Martin, St. Lucie and south Indian River counties, to get the Save Our Homes initiative on the Ballot and Past, I consider it very deceptive to tack those conditions to this non-ad Valorem Assessment. Which of the dozens of CPI reports are you referring to? See attachment CPI, I use for my Family Trust and is used by my Pension Board. I agree to hinging additional increases to those of the SOH, butt your wording is deceptive, should have been under the SOH limits anyway, Does not indicated CPI reports as the same for the MSTUs


MSTU-Data, attached, shows the additional losses from the Housing Crisis property value reductions, which by the Save Our Homes Amendment precluded you reverting to the pre-crisis property values. In 2006, you didn't find it necessary to issue a Special Assessment. From 2007 thru 2017 you steadily reduced said assessments.

Now you want a 34.999 percent increase, which is **outrages!!** I'm sorry, but you need to Live Within Your Means like the rest of the Citizens and Businesses you serve and represent! To me, it appears there has been massive mismanagement by Brevard County and/or Brevard Fire Rescue. Be advised I have over eighteen (18) years experience in the Fire/Medical Service. In lieu of your proposed increase, try dropping the Special Assessment and raising the MSTU to 3.0526/1000 Sq. Ft. and put it under the SOH limits.

If County and Fire wages are a part of the requested increase, try doing what I convinced my department to do. In lieu of wage increases we used IRS certified as non-taxable benefit increases, decreasing taxable income, which reduced FICA and SS employee and employer payments. Both saved lots of dollars.

Refer too MSTU data, housing bubble loss of revenue

Respectfully,

 FS 119

Vern H. Goding
Melbourne Village, Florida

Attach:
MSTU-Data,
CPT Records

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Year	Assessed Value	Taxable Value	\$ per 1000 Tax'l Value	Fire MSTU	TMV Fee	% TMV Change	Total Charges	% Total Charges
1995	90,230	65,230	1.5944	104.00	14.92	0.000%	118.92	0.000%
1996	90,230	65,230	1.5810	103.13	14.92	0.000%	118.05	-0.732%
1997	90,230	65,230	1.5864	103.48	14.92	0.000%	118.40	0.296%
1998	91,760	66,760	1.5604	104.17	17.92	20.107%	122.09	3.117%
1999	93,220	68,220	2.2036	150.32	34.99	95.257%	185.31	51.781%
2000	95,730	70,730	2.2035	155.85	34.99	0.000%	190.84	2.984%
2001	98,600	73,600	2.2527	165.80	41.12	17.519%	206.92	8.426%
2002	100,170	75,170	2.2035	165.64	44.58	8.414%	210.22	1.595%
2003	102,570	77,570	2.2035	170.93	47.79	7.201%	218.72	4.043%
2004	104,510	79,510	2.2035	175.20	50.55	5.775%	225.75	3.214%
2005	107,640	82,640	2.2035	182.10	57.63	14.006%	239.73	6.193%
2006	110,860	85,850	0.6529	56.06	0.00	N/A	56.06	-76.615%
2007	113,630	88,630	0.6316	55.98	265.00	359.830%	320.98	472.565%
2008	117,030	92,030	0.6187	41.47	275.34	3.902%	316.81	-1.299%
2009	107,780	57,781	0.6187	35.75	275.34	0.000%	311.09	-1.805%
2010	87,840	37,840	0.7022	26.57	275.34	0.000%	301.91	-2.951%
2011	82,700	32,700	0.8135	26.60	222.34	-19.249%	248.94	-17.545%
2012	77,500	27,500	0.8135	22.37	222.34	0.000%	244.71	-1.699%
2013	78,810	28,810	0.8005	23.05	222.34	0.000%	245.39	0.278%
2014	79,990	29,990	0.7775	23.32	222.34	0.000%	245.66	0.110%
2015	80,630	30,630	0.7580	23.22	222.34	0.000%	245.56	-0.041%
2016	81,190	31,190	0.7145	22.29	222.34	0.000%	244.63	-0.379%
2017	82,890	32,890	0.6816	22.42	222.34	0.000%	244.76	0.053%
2018	84,630	34,630	0.6504	22.52	235.68	6.000%	258.20	5.491%
2019	86,230	36,230	0.6321	22.90	241.44	2.444%	264.34	2.378%
2020	88,210	38,210	0.6141	23.46	245.81	1.810%	269.27	1.865%
2021					331.84	34.999%	331.84	23.237%

Note: Originally Purchased at Appraised Value with Buyer paying both Buyer and Seller closing costs.

CPI, South East Miami, Fort Lauderdale, All Items

Year	Month	Month All Urban Consumers	Annual Change	Month Wage Earners and Clerical	Annual Change
1992	August	137.816	2.9	136.490	2.9
1993	August	141.537	2.7	140.175	2.7
1994	August	145.500	2.8	144.100	2.8
1995	August	149.100	3.0	147.800	3.2
1996	August	154.100	2.9	152.700	3.0
1997	August	157.100	1.9	155.500	1.8
1998	August	160.800	0.4	158.000	0.4
1999	August	162.300	0.9	160.000	1.3
2000	August	166.400	3.8	165.700	3.6
2001	August	173.500	3.0	170.900	3.1
2002	August	175.200	1.0	172.800	1.1
2003	August	180.900	3.3	178.300	3.2
2004	August	185.100	2.2	182.900	2.6
2005	August	195.600	5.7	193.800	6.0
2006	August	205.600	5.1	204.600	5.6
2007	August	213.127	3.7	211.041	3.1
2008	August	225.473	5.8	224.597	6.4
2009	August	221.031	-1.8	219.000	-2.5
2010	August	222.803	0.7	220.790	0.8
2011	August	232.749	4.5	231.448	4.8
2012	August	236.110	1.4	235.409	1.7
2013	August	237.438	0.6	236.343	0.4
2014	August	243.124	2.4	241.789	2.3
2015	August	246.348	1.3	243.661	0.8
2016	August	250.188	1.6	246.482	1.2
2017	August	255.898	2.3	251.206	1.9
2018	August	265.062	3.6	261.748	4.2
2019	August	270.176	1.9	265.956	1.6
2020	August	273.861	1.4	369.398	1.1
2021	February	275.849	1.4	271.476	1.6
2022					

NOTE: CPI, All Urban Consumers, U. S. City Average, All Items, 1982-84=100.
 Annual by Month with Annual Average from 1913 thru 2008 Available
 on Request or from;
 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor
 SOUTHEAST INFORMATION OFFICE • Atlanta, GA • 404-893-4222 •
[bls.gov/regions/southeast](https://www.bls.gov/regions/southeast)

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April 9, 2021

TO: Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

RE: Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

In this unusually difficult time, I found it quite distressing to receive your proposed adjustment to the current Fire Services Special Assessment (further referenced as 'FSSA'). My concerns are as follows:

1. The rate of increase for my property (0.4 acres; 1506 Sq. Ft.) is **30%**! This is an extreme request. **I oppose this proposed increase as I am sure most of my neighbors would as well.**
2. I proposed an amendment to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, regarding The Board's notice: That included in said scheduled Public Hearing held in the Commission Board Room in **Viera**, will be additional local **access locations** throughout the county via live stream, ZOOM, Skype, or other media interactive formats.
 - **One location as a public forum is discriminatory, restrictive and against the accessibility to information and full disclosure.** Please, let us move past outdated ways of doing business. Open the way to greater public participation.
 - Can you possibly make your notices more '**user friendly**'! It would be so nice to see a simple explanation at the beginning of your document as to why you are making this proposal. For example, 1) the request for services has increased by X amount, or 2) equipment has increase by X amount, or even, 3) fewer individuals are 'volunteering.
 - Do you seriously believe the ordinary resident could access Section 98-46 to 98-59 of the County Code of Ordinances at the 'https' address you provided. Just entering the address would be a challenge for most, **if they even had access to the internet.** PLEASE, you must get real and do better.

We are all quite tired and discombobulated over the past years' events. The last thing we need is our elected official coming off as inhuman automations. You all have an unexpected opportunity to reassess the old ways of doing business and to bring **THE PEOPLE** of Brevard County into the process in a more representative way. We are out here and we do care. Help us to more fully participate in how we, together, govern ourselves.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.

Sincerely,



Mary Sudholt Kellogg

230 Ibis Drive, Melbourne Beach

5900 Block of A1A
Melbourne Shores

Mary S. Kellogg

230 Ibis Dr
Melbourne Bch., FL 32951-3725

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APR 12 2021

Brevard County
Fire Department

Laprise

David Laprise - Property Owner
3860 Dakota Ave
Cocoa, FL 32926

25 March 25, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue - Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

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In closing, if there is a budget shortfall, then you should find the money elsewhere or get by with what you already have. That is what many families in the County have to do every day to make ends meet. Otherwise, you and Fire Operations need to do a better job planning for, and explaining your future needs to Brevard Residents.

SINCERELY,



DAVID LAPRISE

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MAR 29 2021
Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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Laprise

Debra Laprise - Property Owner
7035 Bismarck Road
Cocoa, FL 32927



Judicial
Watch
Because no one
is above the law

Mr. David Laprise
3860 Dakota Ave.
Cocoa, FL 32926-3636

March 28, 2021

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Brevard County Fire Rescue - Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

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DEBRA LAPRISE

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MAR 31 2021

Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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PINEDA ENTERPRISES OF BREVARD, LLC
5590 N. Hwy 1, Palm Shores, FL 32940

March 29, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

Re: 5590 N. Hwy 1, Palm Shores, FL 32940
Fire Services Special Assessment

Dear Commissioners,


This letter shall serve as our **objection** to your Fire Services Special Assessment provided in the notice dated March 19, 2021 for the property referenced above. We support this objection for the following reasons:

1. **35% Increase** - This notice states that the assessment "proposed is an annual increase to the Fire Services Special Assessment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less." Yet, the proposed increase to the current special assessment levied of \$832.59 would be \$1,124.00 which increases the annual rate \$291.41 or 35%. This is not the 3% proposed and is unacceptable.
2. **Incorrect Square Footage** - This notice states the square footage is 3546 which is approximately twice the actual square footage on site. If anything, we expect a substantial decrease in our assessment to be applied.

In addition to the objection, we look forward to your immediate correction of the items above **and** acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly. You can reach me directly at 561-756-3006, or by email Mark@lariatorg.com.

Regards,


Mark Maher, MGRM
Pineda Enterprises of Brevard, LLC

Cc: Mayor Carol McCormack, Town of Palm Shores

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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Brevard County Board of Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Ave
Rockledge, FL 32955

RE: Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

Commissioners,

I received the published notice dated March 19, 2021 regarding the above referenced proposal. I wish to express both my disappointment at the way it was presented and object to the proposal overall. In general, I have been pleased with how efficient and responsive the Brevard County has been run. I also realize this doesn't come for free.

Whoever wrote the notice went to great lengths to hide the scope and magnitude of the proposed changes, apparently in hopes it would go unnoticed. There is also a complete lack of justification on the need for such changes.

The only information I received regarding this proposal is from an article in Florida Today several weeks ago. Unfortunately that organization is not known for dealing in facts so it's impossible to know what's really going on. The implication was a surplus fund has been drawn down significantly over the past few years and now there are some that want to use this huge increase as a way of rebuilding it. Why does every taxing entity in the County require multimillion dollar surplus funds? Who benefits from the accumulation of such funds other than financial institutions and brokers you deal with to hold the funds? Lucy, you got alotta spellaining to do!

Finally, the proposal for automatic increases based on a CPI is just bad policy and poorly thought out. Which CPI is to be used? The one used to determine increases in Social Security Payments each year? Will it be offset by the changes in Medicare Premiums each year? For working residents, what about their income vs the CPI? The last 9 years of my employment had seen zero increase in income. Prices certainly did not remain the same and I had to manage where I spent what I earned.

This automatic increase proposal is nothing more than a way for the Commissioners to avoid future discussion of managing spending and will lead to automatic misuse of funds, spending without real need or the need to make sound judgements about the finances for Fire Services. It also ignores the fact that Brevard County continues to grow significantly. There are new businesses opening, new homes being built and large numbers of people discovering this hidden gem of Central Florida. All this growth gives you an automatic increase in funds at a 100% rate increase per property.

If this is the way the Commissioners wish to do the business of funding government operations, I have a more direct approach. Just require all property owners to provide you with their Bank Account information and authorization for electronic withdrawal. That way you can just take however much money you want, any time you desire. Let's face it, it is after all your money isn't it? We work at the pleasure of the government don't we? Wait, it isn't your money? Are you sure? Then why fail to provide any justification for a 35% increase in the Tax Amount in the next tax year AND then guarantee future rate increase according to an undefined CPI? After a year of Government shutdowns, restrictions on business activities, excessive mandates what better time to require a 35% increase in taxation? Yes, nice try at failing to provide the % of tax increase but I know how to do basic arithmetic.

My suggestion is to re-compute the tax rate change to something in line with the actual current need in the next fiscal year. Completely forget about setting up automatic increases. Your constituents can't do so.

Sincerely,

John C. Myers

712 Bay View Ct

Melbourne, FL 32940

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APR - 8 2021

Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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EDMUND MALONE
375 Haley Ct.
Melbourne, FL 32940

Malone

April 5, 2021

Brevard County Board of Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue-Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

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APR 12 2021
BCFR FINANCE

Re: Special Assessment, 375 Haley Ct., Melbourne

Hello!

I appreciate Fire Rescue and participate in some community service projects with Station 47.

Your services are provided very professionally.

I seriously **object to** a new increase of **35%** for my annual assessment. No government mandated fee should ever be increased by 35% in one year! Your FAQ on your website is incorrect, I believe, when it says there has been no increase in the assessment since 2018 because every year it has increased by the CPI which should eliminate this new 35% increase. Proper management should manage to maintain service within the CPI.

Is the current (since 2018) assessment increase limited by the lesser of 3% or the CPI?
Is so, why did my assessment go up 4.3% last year?

Thank you for your services, but please realize a 35% increase is not reasonable or affordable.

Sincerely yours,



Edmund Malone

Marsh

DATE:

March 28, 2021

TO:

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Fire Rescue Fire Service Special Assessment

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way

Viera, FL 32940

SUBJECT:

Rebuttal of proposed increase and proposed perpetual assessment taxation

TEXT:

I received notification dated March 19, 2021 of a planned taxation increase as well as making the Fire services Special Assessment recurring with annual added taxation percentages automatically being assessed.

As a tax paying resident of Brevard County I am voting "NO TO KEEPING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. NO TO INCREASING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. NO TO THE PROPOSED 25% INCREASE TO THE CURRENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. NO TO ALLOWING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BE PERPETUAL IN NATURE. NO TO ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASES ON THE CURRENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT".

I do not accept a special assessment being perpetual.

I do not accept the premise that existing property owners shall incur a tax increase when each developed property to use these services will be levied with appropriate property taxes for all county services.

I do not accept a 25% increase in any tax, yet alone a special assessment that should be planned to complete, not become perpetual.

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Brevard County Board of Commissioners, I ask you decline this request as it represents wasteful use of taxpayers funds and promotes a lack of accountability.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian Marsh", written over a horizontal line.

Brian Marsh

301 McClain Dr

W Melbourne, FL 32904

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APR - 5 2021
Brevard County
Fire Rescue

Montgomery

April 5, 2021

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

From: Michael Montgomery
19 W Point Drive
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Commissioners,

I am in receipt of your recent notice telling me that my fire taxes are going to increase for my home. One again I am getting no improvement in my fire protection for this tax increase. This situation is unacceptable. My fire services are below minimum requirements as established by Insurance Services Office (ISO). I have a fire rating of 10 with 10 being 'does not meet minimum standards' and am in danger of losing my home insurance.

There is a solution and a very doable one. You should start immediate implementation of 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 residents of Brevard County.

Brevard County is currently collecting \$654K/year in fire taxes and non-ad valorem fire taxes from the affected County residents of the South Cocoa Beach area. The City of Cocoa Beach has requested only \$256K/year which is most reasonable to provide complete fire services to those same County residents of the South Cocoa Beach area.

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 their 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!

The City of Cocoa Beach does not want to annex the County area of South Cocoa Beach. This agreement would only IMPROVE fire safety and protection by adding 3 additional firefighters. Additional firefighters and equipment would be paid for, using current fire taxes from the South Cocoa Beach County residents.

Sincerely,



Signature

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APR - 9 2021

Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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Moore

T. Darrah Moore
1452 Vestavia Circle
Melbourne, FL 32940

March 27, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955

Re: **Objections to Proposed Adjustment**
to Fire Services Special Assessment

Dear Commissioners:

First, I want to preface my remarks on the issues discussed in this letter by thanking all of the fire and rescue personnel for their diligence in providing services and their continued cooperation.

After having read the March 19, 2021 **Notice to Property Owners** and having discussed this matter with Assistant Chief Klein I offer the following comments for the County Commissioners to consider:

1. The primary question all residents should have is "what are these funds to be used for?"

I understand from my discussions with the Assistant Chief that a portion of the funds will go toward labor costs, *i.e.*, salaries for Fire and Rescue personnel. I trust that the majority of these funds will reach the individual EMTs and Firefighters thus reaching their individual pockets in the form of, well deserved, additional compensation.

I completely understand the need for using some of these funds for equipment upgrade and adding additional fire stations and equipment to meet the needs of the communities within the County.

2. How was the amount of the proposed adjustment arrived at?

Guaranteeing no less than 3% per year seems a bit extravagant. A good portion of the residents of the County are retirees and I can assure you that we do not receive 3% per year growth in our retirement funding. I know your argument will be that it is the CPI or 3% whichever is lower and I also know that the most recent CPI was 2.3% in 2019 and 1.4% in 2020, but historically, this increase has been higher and given the threat of increased taxes under the current Washington Administration we can assume that the 3% cap will soon be THE annual increase. Those of us that rely on retirement funding take little comfort in knowing that a



guaranteed, additional increase, of no less than 3% can be added to our tax burden each year.... FOREVER. in ADDITION to the amount already in the *ad valorem* tax.

3. The average annual growth rate in Brevard County over the last 10 years has averaged nearly 1.5% which translates to approximately 15,000 additional residents coming into the County this year. In developing the proposed assessment has pthe Commission considered reinstating or increasing the "Impact Fee Schedule?"

Because of the rapid increase in residents, Developers have increased dramatically the development of property and building of buildings. This results in their making tremendous amounts of money on this increase in development throughout the County all of which, understandably, adds a burden on the Fire and Rescue capabilities of the County. This necessitates building additional fire stations and the purchase of additional equipment and the hiring and training of additional personnel to man these new stations and operate this new equipment. While all of this is occurring Developers continue to operate in what can easily be described as a "Sellers' Market"

All of this new development does increase the tax base of the county, which should help in defraying the additional costs of Fire and Rescue services, but it also dramatically impacts the Fire and Rescue needs of the community and the current, long time, residents should not have to carry a disproportionate amount of this burden.

Costs of living in this County are increasing as they are throughout the state and country, but keep in mind that retirees chose to settle in Brevard because they could afford the cost of living here.

Yes, we must expect that the costs of living will increase, but not at the exorbitant rate caused by this development and influx of new time homeowners.

I rise in objection to the proposed Special Fire Service Assessment as proposed and urge reconsideration by the Commission. I feel at a minimum that the County Board of Commissioners should consider the following:

- A. Reinstate or raise the existing Impact Fee paid by Developers and have the resulting amount raised dedicated to Fire and Rescue Services here in the county;
- B. Reducing the proposed annual minimum to 1.5%; and
- C. Putting a limit on the number of years that the proposed Fire Service Special Assessment can be automatically increased to 5 years rather than **FOREVER**.

I thank the Board for their service to the community and for their consideration of the objections I have raised

Sincerely

T. Darrah Moore

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APR - 2 2021

Brevard County
Fire Rescue

Noe

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.

Gail Noe

D Parker

*****NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER*****

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue - Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021

This is absolutely absurd!
Who is doing your math?
Bad enough, last year the
832.59 came out of nowhere
now you want to jack it up
another 35%?!

We already paid the "special
assessment" of 832.59 last year.
For you to try to re assess or jack
us up 35% is robbery! Nothing changed
we are a little Mom & Pop business ^{here}
just getting by by the skin of our
teeth & according to our book keeper
lost 60 + thousand last year, a
lot of which went for taxes & keeping
afloat.

Please re consider this ridiculous
\$1124⁰⁰ + settle for the 3% which
is bad enough!

* Consider this my written objection *
STOP KILLING SMALL BUSINESSES

***** SCH 5-DIGIT 32948
BCF01066081 SEQ 66081 L2 TR 117



PARKER, DONALD J
545 DRAWDY WAY
SEBASTIAN, FL 32958-4323

Don Parker

DON'S ALUMINUM
8960 U.S. 1
MICCO, FLORIDA 32976
(772) 664-2256

Services Special Assessment is collected using the uniform method for the levy, collection, and amount of non-ad valorem assessments as set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. The Fire Services Assessment is an existing non-ad valorem assessment that is annually assessed. Based upon the proposed adjustment, the total annual Fire Services Special Assessment revenue to be collected for fiscal year 2022 is estimated to be up to \$35,025,999.26. Also proposed is an annual increase to the Fire Services Special Assessment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less. If approved, the proposed assessment for your property (see details below) starts in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. For each fiscal year thereafter, the rate will increase by CPI or 3% until such time that further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

8960 HIGHWAY 1 MICCO 32976

Acres: 0.39

Based Upon Square Footage of: 4304

Use Code Designation: 4100

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: .18D

Parcel ID Number:

30 3823-HH-17-1

Tax Account Number:

3007884

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$832.59

X 3%

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied

annually against this Parcel up to: + \$1124.00

Difference between current and proposed
annual rate, up to: + \$291.41

24.96

35% (291.20)

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MAR 26 2021

Brevard County
Fire Rescue

I. Parker

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

March 31, 2021

FROM: *I. Parker*
5 West Point Drive
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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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 to many South Cocoa Beach residents. In cases where insurance is written, the rates are doubling and tripling.

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- This issue has persisted for over 30 years and needs to be addressed NOW, before residents are negatively impacted.

Debra B. Parker
Signature

Apr. 12, 2021
Date

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

Poli Castro

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

March 31, 2021

FROM: James Policastro
15 W Point Dr.
Cocoa Beach FL 32931

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Date **Received**

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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March 30, 2021

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

RE: Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate

I object to the proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually. I also object to the proposed rate increase by CPI or 3% for each fiscal year thereafter, until such time that further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

Please do not exact this additional financial burden upon Brevard County residents. The economy is already bad and most of us are doing more with less. Increased taxes and assessments will just make life harder for property owners.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Ramey

Michael T. Ramey
Merritt Island, Florida

MICHAEL RAMEY
335 PINE BLVD
MERRITT ISLAND FL 32952-5004

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

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Reeves

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

March 31, 2021

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1510 Bay Shore Dr.
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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Memo for: Brevard County Commissioners

: Brevard County Fire-Rescue- Fire Operations

From Mr. Rivera

Reference: Price Hike for Fire protection

Good morning



I OPPOSE TO THE \$53.68 Special Assessment for the Fire Department.

First and foremost what is the require operating fund for the Fire Department.

Secondly eliminate unnecessary equipment and buildings.

Rebuild the fleet without buying new equipment Is cheaper to rebuild an Engine / Transmission

Cap out Salaries.

Eliminate needless trip to the supermarket

Restrict equipment use for official duty only

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SINCERELY

JOHN RIVERA RETIRED

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Rodriguez-Sanchez

Jasmin Rodriguez Sanchez and community residents

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Cocoa, FL 32926

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Name

Address

Phone number

BRENDA MULLINS 3825 E. LAKE VIEW BLVD 321-968-7145

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D. Scafetta

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March 31, 2021

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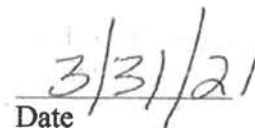
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Subject: Proposed Brevard County Fire Services Special Assessment Rate increase

I would like to first state that we thoroughly support and appreciate our Brevard County Fire Services and all the employees (and volunteers).

- I am **opposed to any rate increase** that 'automatically' goes up each year by the CPI or 3%.
 - Look at this past year with COVID. People can not afford food or rent and you would automatically increase their taxes. That is just not right!
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 - We need to spend smarter (on what is required) not more (on things that would be nice to have).
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Thank you for reviewing my vote and opinions,

Best Regards,

John Sine (Brevard country Resident for over 55 years)

John E. Sine
165 Joan Pl.
Indialantic, FL 32903

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The proposed assessment for the subject property is calculated below. The Town of Palm Shores (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Melbourne Village (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Grant-Valkaria (Resolution 2007-11) and the City of West Melbourne (Resolution 2007-08) have authorized the County to include the properties located within their boundaries in the Fire Services Special Assessment under the same rate schedule as properties in the unincorporated area of the County. If you have questions about your Town/City's participation in the assessment, we ask that you contact the City or Town manager at the phone number above.

Site Address or Legal Description:

1453 PAYETTE LN WEST MELBOURNE 32904

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.19

Based Upon Square Footage of: 2457

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA6

Parcel ID Number:

28 3717-26-*-76

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$294.97

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$398.21

Difference between current and proposed annual rate, up to: + \$103.24

Tax Account Number:

2860556

If approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the proposed Fire Service Special Assessment will be

OPPOSED to over 30%

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IVAN SOTO
1453 PAYETTE LANE
WEST MELBOURNE FL 32904

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Brevard County
Fire Rescue

Woods

Dr. Quintin & Mrs. Tramella Woods, Sr.

1961 Lune Ct

West Melbourne, Florida 32904

Monday, April 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

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Humbly And Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Quintin & Mrs. Tramella Woods, Sr.", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Quintin & Mrs. Tramella Woods, Sr.

Jasmin Rodriguez Sanchez and community residents
3826 E Lake View Blvd
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Objection
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Name	Address	Phone number
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V. G. D.	3830 Ellis Dr.	
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Jeff	3833 Ellis Dr.	321-213-3802
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Name	Address	Phone number
Bonnie J. Jones	3825 So. Denton Circle	321-749-5692
Glint Kelly	3810 N. Denton Cir	321-636-0931
Ernest Johnson	3811 N Denton Cir	321-848-6291
Robert Hall	3807 N. Denton Cir	423-943-6079
Samuel Demp	3836 N. Denton Ct	321-504-6587
Paul Moore	3804 N. Denton Circle	" 631-9092 631-1667
Kenneth D. Speed	3802 N Denton Cir	321-636-3269
Idell Jones	313 Lakeview Blvd	
Joseph Wright	309 Lakeview Blvd	321-636-4505
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Ruth Ossey		
Gaylene B. Jones	3821 E. Lakeview Blvd	321-632-3643
Daniel L. Smith	Cocoa, FL	32926
Yuan farr	3815 East Lake View Blvd	32926
Ym - D. Whit	3824 E. Lakeview Blvd	32926
Ronald Fowler	3814 Ellis Dr	321-614-4864
Annie Brookins	3823 Ellis Dr	321-243-6922
Antonio Torbert	3820 ellis Dr	321-537-8630

*****NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER*****

Decker
Not homeowner

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021



NOT A Homeowner

STILL LISTED ON
P.A. AND T.C. AS
HOMEOWNER W/ CAROL DECKER
MARK S. 3/25/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BREVARD COUNTY FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATE

Contacts: If you have questions about the Fire Assessment please call Brevard County Fire Rescue: (321) 350-9734. Also see our Frequently Asked Questions at <https://www.brevardfl.gov/firerescue/Education/FAQ>.

If you have questions about your city being included in the assessment please call your city: City of West Melbourne: (321) 727-7700; Town of Palm Shores: (321) 242-4555; Town of Melbourne Village: (321) 723-8300 and Town of Grant-Valkaria: (321) 951-1380.

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to notify you the County will consider a proposed adjustment to your current Fire Services Special Assessment that will be included in your 2021 property tax bill to support fire services and the calculation for the Fire Services Special Assessment on an annual basis going forward. Brevard County Fire Rescue is the provider of fire services/protection services within the unincorporated area of Brevard County, the City of West Melbourne, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, and the Town of Palm Shores (the "Benefit Area"). The Department provides fire protection services and levies the Fire Services Special Assessment fee to provide partial funding to pay the cost of making fire services/protection available for all improved property within the benefit area of the County.



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Carol Decker
9745 Fleming Grant Rd
Micco, FL 32976-3327

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9745 FLEMING GRANT RD MICCO 32976

NOT OWNED By George T. Decker III

Parcel ID Number:

30G3820-HR-20

Tax Account Number:

3009290

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 1.12

Based Upon Square Footage of: 1954

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA5

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$245.81

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$331.84

Difference between current and proposed annual rate, up to: + \$86.03

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Barrett, Pamela A

Major
Didn't get noticed

From: Barrett, Pamela A
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Schmadeke, Adrienne
Cc: Schollmeyer, Mark T; Jurgensen, Scott M; Klein, Thomas P
Subject: Fire Assessment Constituent Phone Call - George & Beverly Major
Attachments: Account 2605550 4696 Canard Rd Melbourne.pdf

Good Afternoon Adrienne,

I wanted to forward the email below that was sent to Mr. Major regarding the fire assessment letter that they called you about and did not receive.

Chief Klein reproduced their letter and emailed it to them earlier this afternoon.

Have a great rest of the day!
Pam

Thank you,
Pamela Barrett
Administrative Assistant to Chief Schollmeyer
Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056 Ext 59742
Direct: 321-350-9742



From: Klein, Thomas P
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:35 PM
To: bmajor316@gmail.com
Subject: Fire Assessment - Account 2605550

Mr. Major,

Good afternoon. I was advised the Fire Chief's Administrative Assistant that you did not receive a mailing of the upcoming Fire Assessment. Enclosed you shall find the documents pertaining to your address that were sent to our third-party contractor for mailing. I apologize for any inconvenience and pledge to strive to improve upon both our processes and customer service. In the meantime, should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thomas P. Klein, MPA
Assistant Chief of Finance
Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 S. Florida Avenue
Rockledge, FL 32955
Phone: 321.633.2056 x.59740

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Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021

***** SCH 5-DIGIT 32934
BCF01046414 SEQ 46414 L 2 TR 83



MAJOR, GEORGE R
4696 CANARD RD
MELBOURNE, FL 32934-8562

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4696 CANARD RD MELBOURNE 32934

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.52

Based Upon Square Footage of: 2026

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA5

Parcel ID Number:

26 3636-26-*-656

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$245.81

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$331.84

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2605550

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PINEDA ENTERPRISES
Incorrect acreage

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Fire Rescue – Fire Operations
1040 South Florida Avenue
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Notice Date: March 19, 2021

***** 5-DIGIT 32940
BCF01059314 SEQ 59314 L2 TR 106



PINEDA ENTERPRISES OF BREVARD
5590 N HIGHWAY 1
PALM SHORES FL, FL 32940-7222

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Site Address or Legal Description:

5590 N HIGHWAY 1 PALM SHORES 32940

Parcel ID Number:

26 3730-DS-*-3.02

Tax Account Number:

2609639

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 5.12

Based Upon Square Footage of: 3546

Use Code Designation: 1210

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: .18D

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$832.59

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$1124.00

Difference between current and proposed

annual rate, up to: + \$291.41

(2 BUDGS ON PROPERTY)

INCORRECT
(ADDITIONAL LESS THAN HALF)

* 35% INCREASE

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Russell

Multiple notices

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***** SCH 5-DIGIT 32925
BCF01042232 SEQ 42232 L2 TR 76



RUSSELL, DOROTHY R TRUSTEE
645 CINNAMON CT
SATELLITE BEACH, FL 32937-4301

*First you
need to get
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Site Address or Legal Description:

891 SOUTH PATRICK DR SATELLITE BEACH
32937

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.22

Based Upon Square Footage of: 2326

Use Code Designation: 820

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: MF1

Parcel ID Number:

26 3726-00-519

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$320.44

**Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied
annually against this Parcel up to: + \$432.59**

**Difference between current and proposed
annual rate, up to: + \$112.15**

Tax Account Number:

2608376

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Account 2608376
 Owners RUSSELL, DOROTHY R TRUSTEE
 Mailing Address 645 CINNAMON CT SATELLITE BCH FL 32937
 891 SOUTH PATRICK DR SATELLITE BEACH FL
 Site Address 32937
 897 SOUTH PATRICK DR SATELLITE BEACH FL
 32937
 Parcel ID 26-37-26-00-519
 Property Use 0820 - DUPLEX
 Exemptions None
 Taxing District 4100 - UNINCORP DISTRICT 4
 Total Acres 0.22
 Subdivision --
 Site Code 0360 - SOUTH PATRICK
 Plat Book/Page 0000/0000
 Land Description PART OF W 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AS
 DES IN ORB 2387 PG 438



VALUE SUMMARY

Category	2020	2019	2018
Market Value	\$239,930	\$237,950	\$222,000
Agricultural Land Value	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assessed Value Non-School	\$239,930	\$236,730	\$215,210
Assessed Value School	\$239,930	\$237,950	\$222,000
Homestead Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Homestead	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Exemptions	\$0	\$0	\$0
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SALES/TRANSFERS

Date	Price	Type	Deed
02/28/1994	\$116,000	WD	3372/1856
12/30/1992	\$114,000	WD	3257/4302
11/01/1985	\$140,000	WD	2651/0647
04/01/1983	--	QC	2423/1033
09/01/1982	--	QC	2387/0438

BUILDINGS

PROPERTY DATA CARD #1

Building Use: 0820 - DUPLEX

Materials

Exterior Wall:

STUCCO

Frame:

MASNRCONC

Roof:

ASPH/ASB SHNGL

Roof Structure:

FLAT/SHED

Details

Year Built

1983

Story Height

8

Floors

1

Residential Units

2

Commercial Units

0

Sub-Areas

Base Area (1st)

2,326

Garage

624

Extra Features

Fireplace

2

Open Porch	50
Screen Porch	176
Total Base Area	2,326
Total Sub Area	3,176

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***** SCH 5-DIGIT 32925
BCF01042233 SEQ 42233 L 2 TR 76



RUSSELL, DOROTHY R TR
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110 MELALEUCA DR SATELLITE BEACH 32937

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.18

Based Upon Square Footage of: 1118

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA3

Parcel ID Number:

26 3723-25-1-2

Current Special Assessment Levied: \$153.38

Proposed Fire Services Special Assessment to be levied annually against this Parcel up to: + \$207.06

Difference between current and proposed annual rate, up to: + \$53.68

Tax Account Number:

2607351

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 Owners RUSSELL, DOROTHY R TR
 Mailing Address 645 CINNAMON CT SATELLITE BCH FL 32937
 Site Address 110 MELALEUCA DR SATELLITE BEACH FL 32937
 Parcel ID 26-37-23-25-1-2
 Property Use 0110 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
 Exemptions None
 Taxing District 4100 - UNINCORP DISTRICT 4
 Total Acres 0.18
 Subdivision SOUTH PATRICK PARK
 Site Code 0001 - NO OTHER CODE APPL.
 Plat Book/Page 0014/0059
 Land Description SOUTH PATRICK PARK LOT 2 BLK 1



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SALES/TRANSFERS

Date	Price	Type	Deed
02/28/1982	\$32,900	WD	2358/0145
04/01/1976	--	--	1614/0890

BUILDINGS

PROPERTY DATA CARD #1

Building Use: 0110 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

Materials	Details	
Exterior Wall: STUCCO	Year Built	1961
Frame: MASNRYCONC	Story Height	8
Roof: ASPH/ASB SHNGL	Floors	1
Roof Structure: HIP/GABLE	Residential Units	1
	Commercial Units	0

Sub-Areas

Base Area (1st)	1,118
Garage	338
Open Porch	143
Utility Room	65
Total Base Area	1,118
Total Sub Area	1,664

Extra Features

No Data Found

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BCF01042231 SEQ 42231 L 2 TR 76



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SATELLITE BEACH, FL 32937-4301

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BREVARD COUNTY FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATE

Contacts: If you have questions about the Fire Assessment please call Brevard County Fire Rescue: (321) 350-9734. Also see our Frequently Asked Questions at <https://www.brevardfl.gov/firerescue/Education/FAQ>.

If you have questions about your city being included in the assessment please call your city: City of West Melbourne: (321) 727-7700; Town of Palm Shores: (321) 242-4555; Town of Melbourne Village: (321) 723-8300 and Town of Grant-Valkaria: (321) 951-1380.

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to notify you the County will consider a proposed adjustment to your current Fire Services Special Assessment that will be included in your 2021 property tax bill to support fire services and the calculation for the Fire Services Special Assessment on an annual basis going forward. Brevard County Fire Rescue is the provider of fire services/protection services within the unincorporated area of Brevard County, the City of West Melbourne, the Town of Grant-Valkaria, the Town of Melbourne Village, and the Town of Palm Shores (the "Benefit Area"). The Department provides fire protection services and levies the Fire Services Special Assessment fee to provide partial funding to pay the cost of making fire services/protection available for all improved property within the benefit area of the County.



The Fire Services Special Assessment is collected using the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments as set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. The Fire Services Special Assessment is an existing non-ad valorem assessment that is annually assessed. Based upon the proposed adjustment, the total annual Fire Services Special Assessment revenue to be collected for fiscal year 2021-2022 is estimated to be up to \$35,025,999.26. Also proposed is an annual increase to the Fire Services Special Assessment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less. If approved, the proposed assessment for your property (see details below) starts in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. For each fiscal year thereafter, the rate will increase by CPI or 3% until such time that further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

The amount of the Fire Services Special Assessment to be applied against each parcel will be based upon the property use code designated by the Property Appraiser and square footage ranges, where applicable, as well as the applicable hazard code, as determined by the National Fire Protection Agency standard. Further information on the rules governing the Fire Assessment can be found in Section 98-46 to 98-59 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances at

https://library.municode.com/fl/brevard_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH98SPDI_ARTIIMUSEBEUNMSS_DIV3SPASREPR_S98-46PU

The proposed assessment for the subject property is calculated below. The Town of Palm Shores (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Melbourne Village (Resolution 2007-01), the Town of Grant-Valkaria (Resolution 2007-11) and the City of West Melbourne (Resolution 2007-08) have authorized the County to include the properties located within their boundaries in the Fire Services Special Assessment under the same rate schedule as properties in the unincorporated area of the County. If you have questions about your Town/City's participation in the assessment, we ask that you contact the City or Town manager at the phone number above.

Site Address or Legal Description:

100 MELALEUCA DR SATELLITE BEACH 32937

Billing Units within this Parcel: 1

Acres: 0.19

Based Upon Square Footage of: 1436

Use Code Designation: 110

Base Rate Factor or Hazard Code: BRA4

Parcel ID Number:

26 3723-25-1-1

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

Tax Account Number:

2607350

If approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the proposed Fire Service Special Assessment will be reflected in your 2021 tax bill which is sent in November 2021.

Pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and at the direction of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, Notice is given that **the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 20, 2021** to consider the rates for the Brevard County Fire Rescue Fire Service Special Assessment. The hearing will be held in the Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board of County Commissioners at the above address within twenty (20) days of receiving this notice. The Fire Services Special Assessment will continue annually at the rates established at this hearing until further action of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. The Fire Services Special Assessment shall appear on the ad valorem tax bill 2021 that is mailed in November 2021 and will be collected by the Tax Collector.

Pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, we are required to notify you that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against your property and may result in loss of title.

*****THIS IS NOT A BILL*****



Brevard County Property Appraiser

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Phone: (321) 264-6700

<https://www.bcpao.us>

Account 2607350
 Owners RUSSELL, DOROTHY R TRUSTEE
 Mailing Address 645 CINNAMON CT SATELLITE BCH FL 32937
 Site Address 100 MELALEUCA DR SATELLITE BEACH FL 32937
 Parcel ID 26-37-23-25-1-1
 Property Use 0110 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
 Exemptions None
 Taxing District 4100 - UNINCORP DISTRICT 4
 Total Acres 0.19
 Subdivision SOUTH PATRICK PARK
 Site Code 0001 - NO OTHER CODE APPL.
 Plat Book/Page 0014/0059
 Land Description SOUTH PATRICK PARK LOT 1 BLK 1



VALUE SUMMARY

Category	2020	2019	2018
Market Value	\$171,020	\$168,010	\$164,360
Agricultural Land Value	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assessed Value Non-School	\$171,020	\$166,440	\$151,310
Assessed Value School	\$171,020	\$168,010	\$164,360
Homestead Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Homestead	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Exemptions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxable Value Non-School	\$171,020	\$166,440	\$151,310
Taxable Value School	\$171,020	\$168,010	\$164,360

SALES/TRANSFERS

Date	Price	Type	Deed
07/12/2013	--	WD	6927/1436
01/01/1981	--	--	2276/1780
06/01/1974	\$22,900	--	1451/0042

BUILDINGS

PROPERTY DATA CARD #1

Building Use: 0110 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

Materials	Details	
Exterior Wall:	STUCCO	Year Built 1961
Frame:	MASNRYCONC	Story Height 8
Roof:	ASPH/ASB SHNGL	Floors 1
Roof Structure:	HIP/GABLE	Residential Units 1
		Commercial Units 0
Sub-Areas	Extra Features	
Base Area (1st)	1,436	Patio - Concrete 128
Open Porch	68	
Total Base Area	1,436	
Total Sub Area	1,504	