

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Board Adoption of a Fire Assessment Rate Adjustment (CPI 1.81% in FY2020-21); and Board Ratification, Confirmation and Certification of the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

Fire Rescue Department

Requested Action:

Request the Board adopt a Fire Assessment Rate increase of by 1.81% in FY 2020-21, as approved by the Board in Resolution No. 18-079 on May 22, 2018. Request the Board ratify, confirm and certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll, which has been updated to reflect the 1.81% rate adjustment.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On May 22, 2018, by adoption of Resolution No. 18-079, the Board of County Commissioners adjusted the Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment within the benefit area by an increase of six percent in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, followed by an annual rate increase equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or three percent, whichever is lower, until a 15 percent (15%) increase over the Fiscal Year 2018 rate is achieved.

The Consumer Price Index rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was 2.443 percent. The Consumer Price Index rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is 1.81 percent.

Additionally, on an annual basis, the Board of County Commissioners must review the fire assessment rolls for conformity with the non-ad valorem special assessment rates and make any changes or additions as necessary to conform the rolls to the rates. The annual Fire Service non-ad valorem assessment roll has been prepared with a 1.81% rate adjustment. Upon completion of the review, the Board shall ratify, confirm, and certify a non-ad valorem assessment roll and then forward it to the Tax Collector. Once the Board ratifies, confirms and certifies the roll, Fire Rescue will forward the roll to the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected in accordance with the uniform method of collection.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please forward fully executed rate resolutions to the Fire Rescue Department, Attn: Pamela Barrett, with a copy to the County Attorney's.