

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Provision Of Fire Inspection Services, Facilities And Programs In The City Of Hollywood, Florida; Reimposing Fire Inspection Assessments Against Assessed Property Located Within The City Of Hollywood For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018; Approving The Rate Of Assessment; Approving The Assessment Roll; And Providing An Effective Date.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

Explanation:

Annual fire inspections are mandated under the Broward County Local Amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Paragraph F-3.5, and Section 94.172 of the City of Hollywood's Code of Ordinances. By ordinance, the City inspects all residential properties that are part of a building of three or more units and all non-residential properties.

The City of Hollywood is reimposing the fire inspection non-ad valorem assessment for FY 2019. The fire inspection assessment provides funding for the City's fire inspection services, facilities and programs and was first imposed in FY 2010. The assessment pays for a portion of the cost of fire inspection services provided to properties located in the City of Hollywood. The remainder of the cost is funded from other City revenue sources.

The annual fire inspection non-ad valorem assessment is levied against all residential properties that are subject to fire inspections including multi-family, condominium and cooperative properties and all non-residential properties in the City with the exception of government properties with building uses that are exempt from ad valorem taxation under Florida law.

The City Commission adopted the Preliminary Rate Resolution for FY 2019 on July 3, 2018 which initiates the annual process for updating the assessment roll and reimposing the fire inspection assessment. The Annual Rate Resolution sets forth the final fire inspection assessment rate schedule and approves the Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year 2019 with such amendments as the City Commission deems appropriate after hearing the comments and objections of all interested parties.

The required public hearing will be held on September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and was

properly noticed in the newspaper and by mail as part of the TRIM notice issued by the Broward County Property Appraiser at least 20 days before the public hearing.

The proposed FY 2019 assessment rates set forth in the Annual Rate Resolution are the same rates that were approved in the Preliminary Rate Resolution approved on July 3, 2018. As the result of the most recent fire inspection fee study, there was an increase in the residential rate from \$17.00 to \$28.00. The proposed FY 2019 assessment rates as set forth in the Annual Rate Resolution are expected to generate an estimated \$2,427,193 in revenues to the City.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Wazir Ishmael, Ph.D., City Manager Cintya Ramos, Director of Financial Services Department Christopher Pratt, Fire Chief