

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Provision Of Fire Rescue Services, Facilities And Programs In The City Of Hollywood, Florida; Reimposing Fire Rescue 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:

In June 1996, the City of Hollywood imposed a fire rescue non-ad valorem assessment to provide funding for the City's fire rescue services, facilities and programs beginning in FY 1997. The City has reimposed the fire rescue assessment every fiscal year since its inception in FY 1997. The assessment pays for a portion of the cost of fire rescue 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 rescue non-ad valorem assessment is levied each fiscal year against all assessed residential and non-residential properties in the City (with the exception of government and tax-exempt institutional properties where the building uses are wholly or partially exempt from ad valorem taxation under Florida law, and vacant land parcels), and appears on each property owner's annual property tax bill as a non-ad valorem assessment.

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 rescue assessment. The Annual Rate Resolution sets forth the final fire rescue 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 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. The proposed FY 2019 assessment rates are expected to generate \$28,257,546 in total net revenues, and fund approximately 97.5% of the total assessable costs of providing fire rescue services.

The Public Hearing will be held on September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Notification of the public hearing was mailed to all property owners before or on August 24, 2018 by the Broward County Property Appraiser as part of the TRIM notice.

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