



City of Hollywood

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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 In The City Of Hollywood, Florida; Establishing The Estimated Assessment Rates For Fire Inspection Assessments For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020; Directing The Preparation Of An Assessment Roll; Authorizing A Public Hearing And Directing The Provision Of Notice Thereof; Providing For Conflicts And Severability.

Financial Management & Administration

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

Explanation:

In June 2009, the City of Hollywood imposed a fire inspection non-ad valorem assessment to provide funding for the City's fire inspection services program beginning 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 fire inspection assessment generally appears on each affected property owner's annual property tax bill as a non-ad valorem assessment, but may alternatively be billed by first class mail to the owner of the affected parcel of property that is subject to the fire inspection assessment.

The Preliminary Rate Resolution, as defined in and required by Ordinance O-2009-19, initiates the annual process for updating the assessment roll and reimposing the fire inspection assessment. The Preliminary Rate Resolution sets forth the estimated fire

inspection assessment rate schedule and the estimated amount of revenue to be provided by the assessment for FY 2021.

During the current fire inspection rate study, two changes were made. The first was an exemption for totally and permanently disabled first responders and veterans as a result of a service related injury, a total savings of those affected of \$798. The second change was the modification and expansion of non-residential rate tiers to further enhance the equitable distribution of costs with the first four tiers set at 2,500 SF increments, followed by increments of 10,000 SF up to 100,000 SF and two 25,000 SF tier increments from 100,000 to 125,000 SF and 125,000 to 150,000 SF.

Fiscal Impact:

We are recommending that the residential rate for FY 2021 be set at \$21.00. This will result in a projected fire inspection assessment roll to be collected of approximately \$2,168,000.00. Setting the fire inspection assessment rates at this level will fund approximately 97.5% of the total assessable costs of providing fire inspection services based on the point and time rate study updated during FY 2020. This is a reduction of \$7.00 from the FY 2020 residential rate of \$28.00

Total revenue to be budgeted in the Proposed FY 2021 Budget for fire inspection assessments is \$2,060,000.00, which is 95% of the total anticipated total revenues of \$2,168,000.00.

The required Public Hearing will be held on September 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Notification of the public hearing will be mailed to all property owners by August 24, 2020 by the Broward County Property Appraiser as part of the TRIM notice.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

Cintya Ramos, Director of Financial Services Department

Rodolfo Jurado, Fire Chief

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