

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Relating To The Levying And Collecting Of A Non-Ad Valorem Assessment For The Costs Of Abating Nuisances Occurring On Real Property That Is Prohibited Under The City's Code Of Ordinances; Establishing The Estimated Assessment Amounts To Be Included On The Annual Property Tax Bills Of The Affected Property Owners Who Have Had Remedial Work Performed On Their Properties By The City; 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:

The City of Hollywood adopted Ordinance No. O-2013-06 on February 20, 2013 amending Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances to establish the authority and process for levying and collecting nuisance abatement non-ad valorem special assessments for remedial work performed by the City related to abandoned real or personal property, overgrown grass and debris removal, swimming pools posing public safety hazards, unsafe structures, and other related activities.

Resolution No. R-2013-044, also adopted on February 20, 2013, declared the City's intent to use the uniform method of collecting the nuisance abatement special assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, because the uniform method enables such special assessments to be collected on the annual property tax bill. The City has also entered into agreements with the Broward County Property Appraiser and Broward County to provide the administrative services necessary for the City's use of the uniform method of collecting the assessments.

This Preliminary Assessment Resolution, as defined in and required by Ordinance O-2013-06, initiates the annual process for levying and collecting cost incurred by the City over the preceding 12 months which have remained unpaid and become liens against the property.

Florida Statute Section 197.3632(4)(a) prescribes certain steps that governments must take in utilizing the uniform collection method to place a non-ad valorem assessment on the property tax bill, including the preparation of an assessment roll to be adopted at a public hearing no later than September 15th and the provision of notice of the public hearing. The purpose of this resolution is to direct the preparation of such assessment roll, and to authorize the required public hearing and the related notice that is required.

The City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida, deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City to adopt this preliminary assessment resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

The preliminary roll (Appendix "A" of the resolution) is projected at this time to consist of 149 properties with assessments totaling \$70,555.13. However, some property owners may opt to pay their assessments between now and when the annual property tax bills are issued (removing them from the roll). For this reason, the total revenue to be budgeted in the Proposed FY 2021 Budget for nuisance abatement assessments is \$40,000.00 (which is an increase of \$8,000 compared to the FY 2020 Adopted Budget).

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

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