

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE ALACHUA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES RESTATING AND RENEWING RESOLUTION 2017-70 REGARDING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE AS ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has established a fire protection MSBU and established a method of fairly apportioning the cost of fire protection services through a non ad valorem assessment by way of the adoption of Resolution 2017-70; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS used the same methodology of assessment for tax year 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS have determined to use the same methodology of assessment for tax year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has arranged with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser for the notification regarding the assessments and the collection of the assessments through the established TRIM process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. The provisions of Resolution 2017-70 shall be applied for the 2021-2022 tax year with the modifications set forth herein.

Section 2. The Board imposes a non-ad valorem assessment for fire protection against real property located in the Alachua County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services which includes the unincorporated area of the County and the Cities of Alachua, Archer, Hawthorne and Waldo ("MSBU").

Section 3. The methodology for the assessment shall be that set forth in Resolution 2017-70. The County Manager is directed to update the assessment roll.

Section 4. The amount of the annual fire protection assessment revenue that will be collected by the MSBU for FY2021-2022 is estimated to be \$15,544,960.00.

Section 5. The maximum rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 to be assessed for FY 2021-22 shall be based upon a Tier 1 Maximum Assessment Rate of \$90.69 per Tax Parcel and Tier 2 shall be based upon a Maximum of \$8.31 per EBU.

Section 6. A public hearing to establish the final assessment shall be held on September 14th, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.

Section 7. The form of the mailed notice shall be that which is attached hereto as Attachment A. Such notice contains the appeal rights of the property owners, method of assessment and the notice of the final hearing which shall be mailed with the TRIM notices by First Class Mail.

Section 8. The County Manager shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 6 above in the manner and at the time provided in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes in

substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment B and shall be published no later than August 24, 2021.

Section 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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