

Alachua County, FL

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Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Final Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates Related to the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District

Presenter:

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Description:

Public hearing for comments and discussion for the final Non-Ad Valorem assessment rates related to the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District to align and adhere to the TRIM Notices sent to property owners.

Recommended Action:

Continue the discussion for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District Non-Ad Valorem assessment as stated within the TRIM notices and adopt the assessment's final rate resolution.

Prior Board Motions:

July 9, 2019; Authorize to advertise the public hearing for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District Non-Ad Valorem assessment.

September 10, 2019; Approve **s**taff's recommendation that the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District item be opened for discussion as stated within the TRIM notices and then continued until the Board's September 24, 2019 Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. to allow for the completion of required advertising.

Fiscal Consideration:

Approving this request will allow the County to collect approximately \$49,620 in Non-Ad Valorem assessment fees (not adjusted for non-collectibles) to fund community maintenance and infrastructure. 057.29.2946 various accounts.

Background:

On July 9, 2019 the Board approved the initial assessments and authorized the appropriate advertising for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District. The advertising requirements consist of two actions; one to be included on the TRIM Notice and the other to advertise within the local newspaper. The original advertising deadline was missed and since has been advertised on Thursday August 29, 2019.

On April 24, 2001, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted ordinance 01-06, authorizing the Board to create Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement Districts. On October

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23, 2001, the Board adopted ordinance 01-24 establishing a Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement District within the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District. It also established the Neighborhood Community Council (the Council) and provided it with all the powers and duties specified in Florida Statutes 163.524 and 163.526. This allows the Board to impose and collect, by uniform method, a Non-Ad Valorem assessment on all real property within boundaries of the neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement District. As required by Florida Statute 163.514 (16), the special assessment was adopted by the Board on August 26, 2003, effective October 1, 2003.

Florida Statute 197.3632, requires that a notice of the hearing be published in a newspaper and also that a notice be sent by first class mail to every person owning property subject to the assessment. The first notice will be provided through the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM-Truth in Millage).