



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Special Assessment District: Initial Assessment Resolution and Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing

Presenter:

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Description:

This is the Initial Assessment Resolution authorizing a public hearing to set rates for Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Special Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and directing the provision of notice by newspaper and through the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM).

The proposed annual Non-Ad Valorem Assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are unchanged from Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Receiving approval will allow the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Special Assessment District to receive approximately \$49,620 in Non-Ad Valorem Assessment revenue.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and authorize staff to notice the public of the September 8, 2020, Public Hearing to set the assessment for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and authorize provision of the notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM).

Prior Board Motions:

Resolution 2019-115 was approved of on December 10th, 2019, electing to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District.

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 in the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District. The Preservation & Enhancement Board approved the budget on July 7, 2020.

Background:

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 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 163.524 and 163.526, Florida Statutes. 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 163.514 (16), F.S., the special assessment was adopted by the board on August 26, 2003, effective October 1, 2003.

The public hearing to impose the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment, set the rate and approve the budget for the Council is scheduled for September 8, 2020. Section 197.3632, F.S. 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). Without approval to advertise this will prevent a public hearing and Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM-Truth in Millage)