

EXHIBIT A

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES

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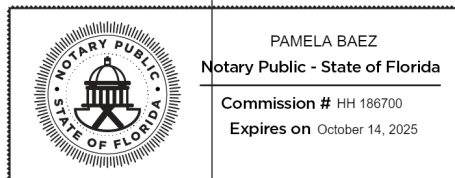
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Hayden Lipsky



VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this: 08/16/2024

[Signature]

Notary Public
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CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REIMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND FIRE SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA TO BE BILLED AND COLLECTED USING THE UNIFORM ASSESSMENT COLLECTION ACT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ocala will hold a public hearing to consider reimposing fire assessments to be imposed and collected under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act against certain real property located within the City limits.

A public hearing will be held at 5:00 PM on September 11, 2024 in City Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 SE Watula Ave., Ocala, Florida, to receive public comment on the proposed non-ad valorem special assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City within twenty days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the City Manager's Office at 352-629-8401 at least 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

A description of the calculations and the reasoned method of computing the Fire Assessment for each parcel of Assessed Property is set forth in certain City Resolutions together with City Ordinance 2021-13 (the "Fire Assessment Ordinance") and the preliminary fire assessment roll, which are available for inspection at the offices of the City Clerk, located at City Hall, 110 SE Watula Ave., Ocala, Florida.

The assessments will be collected by the Tax Collector on the ad valorem property tax bill which will be mailed in November 2024, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. The Fire Assessment will fund part of the costs associated with providing fire services, programs, and facilities in the City. The remainder of the fire protection budget will be funded with other legally available revenues of the City. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Ocala Budget Director at (352) 629-8297.

The following tables present the proposed fire protection assessment rates for the City of Ocala:

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR FY 2024-25

| Square Footage Tier | Proposed Fire Assessment Rate per Unit |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|

| Single Family/Mobile Home/Duplex Tiering | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 to 1,000 sf | \$276.33 |
| 1,001 to 1,600 sf | \$313.20 |
| 1,601 to 2,500 sf | \$364.15 |
| >2,500 sf | \$453.06 |
| Multi-Family Tiering | |
| 1 to 1,000 sf | \$249.73 |
| 1,001 to 1,200 sf | \$263.41 |
| >1,200 sf | \$279.70 |

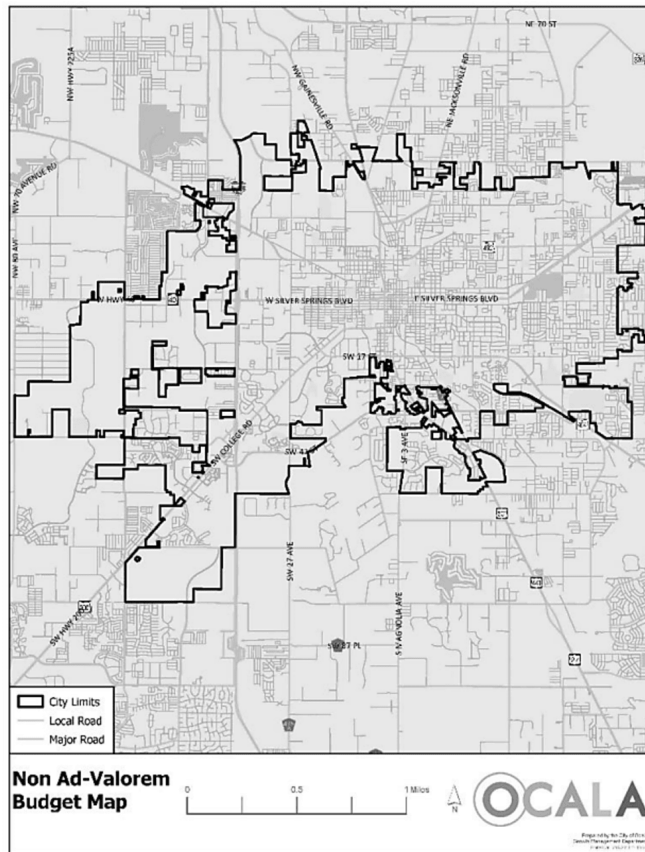
**PROPOSED VACANT LAND FIRE
ASSESSMENT RATES FOR FY 2024-25**

| Fire Assessment Land Use Category | Proposed Fire Assessment Rate per Unit |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Vacant Land | \$55.69/parcel |

PROPOSED NON-RESIDENTIAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR FY 2024-25

| Square Footage Range | COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL | INSTITUTIONAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Commercial Rate per Parcel | Industrial/Warehouse Rate per Parcel | Institutional Rate per Parcel |
| 0 - 2,000 | \$260.00 | \$143.00 | \$170.00 |
| 2,001 - 3,000 | \$650.00 | \$357.50 | \$425.00 |
| 3,001 - 4,000 | \$910.00 | \$500.50 | \$595.00 |
| 4,001 - 5,000 | \$1,170.00 | \$643.50 | \$765.00 |
| 5,001 - 6,000 | \$1,430.00 | \$786.50 | \$935.00 |
| 6,001 - 7,000 | \$1,690.00 | \$929.50 | \$1,105.00 |
| 7,001 - 8,000 | \$1,950.00 | \$1,072.50 | \$1,275.00 |
| 8,001 - 10,000 | \$2,340.00 | \$1,287.00 | \$1,530.00 |
| 10,001 - 12,000 | \$2,860.00 | \$1,573.00 | \$1,870.00 |
| 12,001 - 14,000 | \$3,380.00 | \$1,859.00 | \$2,210.00 |
| 14,001 - 16,000 | \$3,900.00 | \$2,145.00 | \$2,550.00 |
| 16,001 - 18,000 | \$4,420.00 | \$2,431.00 | \$2,890.00 |
| 18,001 - 20,000 | \$4,940.00 | \$2,717.00 | \$3,230.00 |
| 20,001 - 25,000 | \$5,850.00 | \$3,217.50 | \$3,825.00 |
| 25,001 - 30,000 | \$7,150.00 | \$3,932.50 | \$4,675.00 |
| 30,001 - 35,000 | \$8,450.00 | \$4,647.50 | \$5,525.00 |
| 35,001 - 40,000 | \$9,750.00 | \$5,362.50 | \$6,375.00 |
| 40,001 - 45,000 | \$11,050.00 | \$6,077.50 | \$7,225.00 |
| 45,001 - 50,000 | \$12,350.00 | \$6,792.50 | \$8,075.00 |
| 50,001 - 60,000 | \$14,300.00 | \$7,865.00 | \$9,350.00 |
| 60,001 - 70,000 | \$16,900.00 | \$9,295.00 | \$11,050.00 |

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 70,001 - 80,000 | \$19,500.00 | \$10,725.00 | \$12,750.00 |
| 80,001 - 90,000 | \$22,100.00 | \$12,155.00 | \$14,450.00 |
| 90,001 - 100,000 | \$24,700.00 | \$13,585.00 | \$16,150.00 |
| 100,001 - 120,000 | \$28,600.00 | \$15,730.00 | \$18,700.00 |
| 120,001 - 140,000 | \$33,800.00 | \$18,590.00 | \$22,100.00 |
| 140,001 - 160,000 | \$39,000.00 | \$21,450.00 | \$25,500.00 |
| 160,001 - 180,000 | \$44,200.00 | \$24,310.00 | \$28,900.00 |
| 180,001 - 200,000 | \$49,400.00 | \$27,170.00 | \$32,300.00 |
| 200,001 - 250,000 | \$58,500.00 | \$32,175.00 | \$38,250.00 |
| 250,001 - 300,000 | \$71,500.00 | \$39,325.00 | \$46,750.00 |
| 300,001 or more | \$78,000.00 | \$42,900.00 | \$51,000.00 |



By: City Clerk, City of Ocala, Florida