

Alachua County
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

APPENDIX B1

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 PUBLIC
HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF STORMWATER
SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AND STORMWATER
FEES

NOTICE DATE: August 16, 2023

Owner Name
Address
Address
City, State Zip

*****NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER*****

Dear Alachua County Property Owner:

The past decade has brought increasing recognition of environmental impacts associated with stormwater runoff from developed property, including water pollution, flooding, and collection of standing water on our streets and other property. Alachua County (the "County") has initiated efforts to improve stormwater management services and provide a dedicated funding source to help restore clean water to local creeks, lakes, springs, rivers, and our drinking water aquifer. Stormwater management services also include County maintenance of stormwater drainage infrastructure to reduce flooding.

The Stormwater Service Assessments and Stormwater Service Fees are based upon the estimated amount of stormwater runoff generated by impervious surface on the property. Impervious surfaces include rooftops, patios, driveways, parking lots, and similar areas. The County has determined that the median single family residence in the County includes 4,011 square feet of impervious surface, which is the value of one "equivalent residential unit" or "ERU Value." Single family residential parcels are categorized into one of four tiers based on the estimated amount of impervious area associated with each parcel (computed by using the building footprint of the residence).

Condominium parcels are charged generally by calculating the total number of ERUs applicable to the condominium complex as a whole, then dividing that total number of ERUs by the total number of condominium residential units on the property. For general parcels, such as commercial or governmental properties, the number of ERUs has been calculated individually for each parcel of property by dividing the total impervious surface area by 4,011 square feet.

The annual Stormwater Service Assessment rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year and for future Fiscal Years without further notice will be \$50.00 for each ERU. The annual Stormwater Service Fee rate for government properties for the upcoming Fiscal Year and for future fiscal years without further notice will be \$50.00 for each ERU. It is estimated that the County will collect \$2,900,000 from the Stormwater Service Assessments and Stormwater Service Fees for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

A more specific description of the methodology used to calculate the proposed stormwater service assessments and fees is set forth in the Preliminary Assessment Resolution adopted by the Board on July 11, 2023. Copies of the Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, preliminary stormwater roll, and the County's Stormwater Ordinance are available for inspection at the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, 408 W. University Avenue, Suite 106, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

The following provides information about the above parcel:

The number of ERUs on the above parcel is _____.

The Annual Stormwater Service Assessment for the above parcel for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and future fiscal years without further notice is \$ _____.

The County Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on September 12, 2023, in Room 209, 2nd Floor of the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 S.E. 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida, to receive comments on the proposed Stormwater Service Assessments, including their collection on the ad valorem tax bill, and the Stormwater Fees imposed against government property. You are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. You may also file written objections with the Board within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. Please include your name, parcel number, and the reason for your objection on all written objections as follows: The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Stormwater Service Assessment, 12 S.E. 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office, at (352) 374-5275 or TDD number (352) 374-5286.

Because the Stormwater Service Assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector of Alachua County, pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, failure to pay the Stormwater Service Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property, which may result in a loss of title to your property.

If you have any questions regarding the number of ERUs assigned to your property or the amount of the Stormwater Service Assessment or Stormwater Fee, please contact the Alachua County Stormwater Hotline by telephone at (352) 264-6850 or email at stormwater@alachuacounty.us.

*****THIS IS NOT A BILL*****