



## Appendix B2

### NOTICE REGARDING STORMWATER SERVICES NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

DEAR PROPERTY OWNER:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 197.3632 AT THE REQUEST OF ALACHUA COUNTY. PLEASE KNOW THAT NON-AD VALORUM ASSESSMENTS ARE INCLUDED FOR COLLECTION ON THE TAX BILL MAILED IN NOVEMBER BY THE ALACHUA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR. FAILURE TO PAY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WILL CAUSE A TAX CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THE PROPERTY WHICH MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF TITLE. ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS. THE WRITTEN OBJECTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPOSING THE ASSESSMENT WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THIS NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 197.3632. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 IN ROOM 209 OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 12 SOUTHEAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601 AT 5:01 P.M.**, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD. A PROPERTY OWNER DECIDING TO CONTEST ANY DECISION MADE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD IS MADE WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ALACHUA COUNTY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE AT 374-5275 AT LEAST 2 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT, TDD USERS, PLEASE CALL 711 (FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE).

THIS FORM, PROVIDED WITH THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES, CONSTITUTES THE FIRST CLASS NOTICE REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 197.3632.

**STORMWATER SERVICES:** ASSESSMENTS WILL BE REIMPOSED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF ALACHUA COUNTY. THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT IS TO FUND STORMWATER SERVICES BENEFITING PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY.

THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL STORMWATER ASSESSMENT IMPOSED AGAINST EACH PROPERTY IS BASED ON 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. THIS IS THE VALUE OF ONE "EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT" (ERU VALUE). SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PARCELS ARE CATEGORIZED INTO ONE OF FOUR TIERS BASED ON THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS AREA (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 BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON THE PROPERTY. FOR GENERAL PARCELS, SUCH AS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, THE NUMBER OF ERUs HAS BEEN CALCULATED INDIVIDUALLY FOR EACH PARCEL.

THE ANNUAL STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR IS \$50.00 FOR EACH ERU.

TOTAL REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$2,900,000.

**HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 37.17.1, 37.17.2 AND 39.12.35 OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY CODE, QUALIFYING OWNERS OF ASSESSED PROPERTY WHO MEET CRITERIA AND ASSET GUIDELINES SET FORTH THEREIN SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A WAIVER OF FEES FOR STORMWATER SERVICES ASSESSMENT FROM THE COUNTY. THE APPLICANT MUST APPLY FOR THE HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE EACH YEAR. FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IS AVAILABLE FROM THE ALACHUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT (352) 264-6750.

**QUESTIONS:** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ALACHUA COUNTY STORMWATER AT **(352) 264-6850** OR EMAIL: [stormwater@alachuacounty.us](mailto:stormwater@alachuacounty.us)