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ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE ALACHUA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES RESTATING AND RENEWING RESOLUTION 2017-70 REGARDING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE AS ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has established a fire protection MSBU and established a method of fairly apportioning the cost of fire protection services through a non-ad valorem assessment by way of the adoption of Resolution 2017-70; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS used the same methodology of assessment for tax year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS have determined to use the same methodology of assessment for tax year 2024-25; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has arranged with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser for the notification regarding the assessments and the collection of the assessments through the established TRIM process.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
2 **COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

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4 **Section 1.** The provisions of Resolution 2017-70 shall be applied for the 2024-25 tax year
5 with the modifications set forth herein.

6 **Section 2.** The Board imposes a non-ad valorem assessment for fire protection against real
7 property located in the Alachua County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection
8 Services which includes the unincorporated area of the County and the Cities of Alachua,
9 Archer, Hawthorne, Micanopy, and Waldo ("MSBU").

10 **Section 3.** The methodology for the assessment shall be set forth in Resolution 2017-70. The
11 County Manager is directed to update the assessment roll.

12 **Section 4.** The amount of the annual fire protection assessment revenue that will be collected
13 by the MSBU for FY2024-2025 is estimated to be \$23,336,272.00.

14 **Section 4.** The maximum rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 to be assessed for FY 2024-25 shall be
15 based upon a Tier 1 Maximum Assessment Rate of \$90.69 per Tax Parcel and Tier 2 shall be based
16 upon a Maximum of \$8.31 per EBU.

17 **Section 5.** A public hearing to establish the final assessment shall be held on September 10th,
18 2024, at 5:01 p.m.

19 **Section 6.** The form of the mailed notice shall be that which is attached hereto as Attachment
20 A. Such notice contains the appeal rights of the property owners, method of assessment and the
21 notice of the final hearing which shall be mailed with the TRIM notices by First Class Mail.

22 **Section 7.** The County Manager shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized by
23 Section 6 hereof, pursuant to Florida law, Alachua County code and publish on the County legal

1 notice website in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment B and shall be published no
2 later than August 20, 2024.

3 **Section 8.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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5 DULY ADOPTED this __9th__ day of __July__, 2024.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Mary C. Alford, Chair

13 **ATTEST:**

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J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
County Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Alachua County Attorney
Sylvia Torres

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