

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of an annual fire assessment for the provision of fire services within the boundaries of the entire unincorporated area of Alachua County and the cities of Alachua, Archer, Hawthorne, Micanopy, and Waldo and collection of this assessment pursuant to the tax bill collection method.

The hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 Southeast First Street, Second Floor, Room 209, Gainesville, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed assessment. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County before or during the hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners 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 accommodation for persons with disabilities are needed, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at 352-374-5275, at least two (2) business days prior to the event. TTY users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

The amount of the annual fire assessment imposed against each property is based on a two-tiered apportionment method whereby a portion of the County's annual fire department budget is allocated equally among all parcels on a per parcel basis (Tier 1) and the remaining portion of the budget to be funded through the assessment is apportioned based on the value of structures on each parcel (Tier 2), measured in increments of \$5,000 each of which comprise an equivalent benefit unit (EBU). Undeveloped property is not subject to Tier 2.

Benefit Tier	Assessment Unit	Applicable to	Maximum Rate for FY 2024-25	Maximum Rate for each fiscal year thereafter
Tier 1	Per Parcel	All Non-exempt Parcels – Improved and Unimproved	\$90.69 Per Parcel	\$133.22 Per Parcel
Tier 2	Per \$5,000 of Structure Value, rounded down to nearest \$5,000 (EBU)	Non-exempt Improved Parcels	\$8.31 per EBU	\$12.19 Per EBU

Copies of the Fire Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Services and the preliminary Fire Assessment Roll are available for inspection in the Department of Fire Rescue Headquarters, 911 SE 5th Street, Gainesville, FL

The fire service non-ad valorem assessment will be collected on the annual ad valorem tax bill mailed in November of each year that the assessment is imposed. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property in accordance with the provisions of Florida law, which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact Alachua County Fire Rescue at 352-384-3101.

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