

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, has enacted Ordinance No. 2000-21 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the imposition of annual Fire Protection Service Assessments for fire protection services, facilities, and programs against certain assessed property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment for fire protection services, facilities, or programs for each fiscal year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning service costs among parcels of assessed property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission initiated a fire protection services, facilities, and programs assessment program within the City of Coconut Creek, using the tax bill collection method for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, on September 13, 2000, adopted the Ordinance containing a brief and general description of the fire protection services, facilities, and programs to be provided to assessed property, describing the method of apportioning the service cost to compute the Fire Protection Assessment for fire protection services, facilities, and programs against specific properties, designating a rate of assessment, and directing preparation of the Assessment Roll and provision of the notice required by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek approves and accepts such service assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Authority. That this Resolution is adopted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2000-21, Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2: Definitions and Interpretation. That this Resolution constitutes the final assessment resolution and annual rate resolution, as defined in the Ordinance.

Section 3: Fire Protection Assessments.

(A) The parcels of Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll, which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefited by the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs described in the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance, in the amount of the Fire Protection Service Assessment set forth in the Assessment Roll, a copy of which was present at the above referenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property within the City will be benefited by the City's provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Protection Service Assessment for such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Resolution. Adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit, as set forth in the Ordinance, from the fire protection services, facilities and programs to be provided and a legislative determination that the Fire Protection Service Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance.

(B) The method for computing Fire Protection Service Assessments described in the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance is hereby approved.

(C) For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017, the fire protection cost shall be allocated among all parcels of Assessed Property, based upon each parcel's classification as described by the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office. An annual rate of assessment (Exhibit A), representing no increase over the current year's rate, in addition to any unpaid or delinquent fees, charges, or partial year fire protection service assessments due the City for fire protection services, is hereby approved. Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services, facilities and programs in the amounts set forth in the Assessment Roll, as herein approved, are hereby levied and imposed on all parcels of assessed property described in the Assessment Roll.

(D) Such Fire Protection Service Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the assessed property so assessed equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid.

(E) The Assessment Roll, as herein approved, shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection using the tax bill collection method in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance.

Section 4. Confirmation of Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance. That the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance is hereby confirmed.

Section 5. Effect of Adoption of Resolution. The adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented herein (including, but not limited to, the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Fire Protection Service Assessments for fire protection services, facilities and programs) unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of this Final Assessment Resolution.

Section 6: Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

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Sarbone _____
Belvedere _____
Welch _____