

Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Agenda Packet



January 3, 2019



Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue

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**FIRE CHIEF
T. MICHAEL BURTON**

MEETING NOTICE **THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

January 3, 2019

The Special Meeting begins at 6:00 pm

**LOCATION:
INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
1507 BAY PALM BOULEVARD, INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL 33785**

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

GENERAL REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: *Any member of the public may comment on any NON-AGENDA or other relevant topic not set on the ACTION ITEM list during this time. When called upon to speak, the speaker will state their full name and address. There will be a 3 minute time limit per speaker.¹*

ACTION ITEMS: *Any member of the public may comment on any ACTION ITEM during this time. Please note the CHAIR will call for public comment during the time the ACTION ITEM is being considered by the Board. When called upon to speak, the speaker will state their full name and address. There will be a 3 minute time limit per speaker.²*

**19-01 Requesting a Referendum on the March 12, 2019 Ballot
Resolution 2019-01 (First Reading)**

Fire Chief

ADJOURNMENT

¹ Please see Note as to Public Input.

² Please see Note as to Public Input.

**NEXT MEETING: Workshop and Regular Meetings
January 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m., to be held at Belleair Beach City Hall,
444 Causeway Blvd., Belleair Beach, FL 33786**

**Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
Board of Fire Commissioners**

Public Meeting and Public Hearing Information

Requirements for Appeal

Persons are advised that if they wish to appeal any decision made at a meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose, they may need to insure that a verbatim transcript of the meeting is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

It is not the responsibility of the Secretary to provide the above-referenced verbatim record. The Secretary will provide an audio recording of the meeting, upon request and payment for the materials used for the recording.

Public Input

Persons wishing to speak during any Meeting or Public Hearing should try to complete a Citizen Comment Request Card at the entrance of the meeting room and submit the card to the Secretary to the Board. During each session, the Chair will call for Public Input at the appropriate times. The Board wishes to receive public input on all matters set for discussion on the agenda and on relevant topics that are not on the agenda. When recognized by the Chair and called to the podium, speakers should give their name and address for the record.

Persons may speak on an agenda item when the Board has finished their discussion on that item and prior to the vote. To speak on a non-agenda item, speakers will be called during the "General Remarks from the Audience" section of the agenda.

Please note that the Board reserves the right to adjust the time allotted to each speaker as the Chair deems proper to allow for meaningful input and a fair chance to be heard and to allow the Board fair time to undertake its duties and obligations.

When is the appropriate time to address my agenda item at a meeting?

When your non-agenda or agenda item comes up and our Chairperson call for Public Input, that means that the Board desires to take "public input". This is the time to get up and speak. While we understand that some of you might be nervous to speak in public, please note that every effort will be made to help you feel comfortable. When called to the podium, please come to the podium and try to speak so that your input can be heard by the entire Board as well as by the other persons present. Please give your name and address for the record and feel proud that you have participated in "government in the sunshine!"

Accommodations

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, or those requiring language assistance (*free of charge*) should contact the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Administration at (727) 595-1117 ext. 100 no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the proceeding. If contact is made after that time the District may not have sufficient time to make special accommodations.

PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2019-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT REQUESTING A REFERENDUM ON THE MARCH 12, 2019 BALLOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO INCREASE ITS ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS BY \$100 FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ASSESSABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, and Chapter 191, *Florida Statutes*, and all other applicable law, the Board of Commissioners of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District is authorized to establish assessment rates for the provision of fire and emergency rescue services in the District; and

WHEREAS, by the same laws, any increase to such rates are to be presented to the electorate for approval by referendum; and

WHEREAS, the District worked with a volunteer committee referred to as the “Stakeholders Group” made up of various persons, including, but not limited to, employees of Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, members of the District’s Board of Fire Commissioners, residents of Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, and business owners and property owners within the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, and which committee studied the finances of Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District and the options available to the District for raising the revenue necessary to Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District’s delivery of Fire Protection and Rescue Services; and

WHEREAS, at its Regular Meeting of September 26, 2018, the Board of Commissioners of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District considered input from the Stakeholders Group as well as input from staff and the general public and approved moving forward with the proposed increases to the non-ad valorem assessment rates as are set out below; and

WHEREAS, at its Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018, the Board of Commissioners of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District passed a Resolution establishing an intent to raise the non-ad valorem rate of certain categories of assessable property by \$100, in accordance with the document attached hereto as SCHEDULE A, which document is made a part of this Resolution, with said rates having been read aloud to the public present at the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON MARCH 12, 2019, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ITS NON-AD VALOREM RATE OF ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN CATEGORES OF ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BY \$100, PURSUANT TO ALL GOVERNING LAWS; and

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

TITLE:

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR DELIVERY OF FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

BALLOT QUESTION:

Beginning FY 2019/2020, shall Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District be authorized to increase its non-ad valorem annual assessment rates (set in 2008) as follows: Single Residential Unit from \$260 to \$360; Commercial Units: Up to 500 square feet from \$286 to \$386; Motel Units, Mobile Home Lots, Recreational Vehicle Lots (per rental unit/lot) from \$165 to \$265; with all other categories to be unchanged.

YES

NO

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 15th day of January, 2019.

PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Joseph V. Bruni
Chair

Larry Schear
Secretary/Treasurer

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2019-01**

SCHEDULE A

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Single Residential Unit: Includes –	\$260	\$360
Single Family Residences		
Apartments		
Condominiums		
Time Share Units		
Mobile Homes ¹		
Commercial Units: Up to 500 square feet	\$286	\$386
*Note: Rate for square footage over 500 square feet remains unchanged.		
Motel: (with or without a kitchen) ²	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit
Mobile home rental lots ³	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit
Recreational vehicle rental lots	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit

¹ Defined as having a Property Use Code of 0261 within the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's system.

² Motel defined as having a Property Use Code of 3913 within the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's system.

³ Defined as having a Property Use Code of 2814 within the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's system.