

**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 CATEGORIES 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.**

**BALLOT TITLE:**

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

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Joseph V. Bruni  
Chair

  
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Lawrence G. Schear  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**SCHEDULE A**

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Single Residential Unit: Includes –	\$260	\$360
Single Family Residences		
Apartments		
Condominiums		
Time Share Units		
Mobile Homes <sup>1</sup>		
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) <sup>2</sup>	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit
Mobile home rental lots <sup>3</sup>	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit
Recreational vehicle rental lots	\$165 per rental unit	\$265 per rental unit

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

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

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