

Highlands County
 Board of County Commissioners
 600 South Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, FL 33870

HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE
 FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION
 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS
 NOTICE DATE: May 29, 2018

Owner Name
 Address
 City, State Zip

Tax Parcel # _____
 Sequence # _____

***** NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER *****

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is given by Highlands County that an annual assessment for fire protection services using the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments (also known as the "tax bill collection method") may be levied on your property. The assessment will appear on the "non-ad valorem" portion of your annual tax notice provided by the Highlands County Tax Collector. The purpose of this assessment is to fund fire protection services benefiting property located within the unincorporated area of the County and the Town of Lake Placid. The total annual fire protection assessment revenue to be collected is estimated to be \$7,527,943 for Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019. The annual fire protection assessment is based on the classification of each parcel of property and number of billing units contained therein.

Category	FY 18-19 Rate Per Unit	Future Maximum Rate Per Unit
Residential	\$106.00 / dwelling unit	\$115.00 / dwelling unit
Commercial	\$0.18 / square foot	\$0.19 / square foot
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.06 / square foot	\$0.07 / square foot
Institutional	\$0.21 / square foot	\$0.23 / square foot
Land	\$27.00 / parcel	\$30.00 / parcel

Category	Type and Number of Billing Units	Fiscal Year 18-19 Fire Assessment	Maximum Annual Fire Assessment
[Category]	[ParcelUnits][UnitDesc]	[Charge]	[Charge]
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The annual Fire Protection Assessment for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the above parcel is \$_____.

The maximum annual Fire Protection Assessment that can be imposed without further notice for future fiscal years for the above parcel is \$_____.

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the Government Center Boardroom, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at which time the Board will receive and consider any comments on the proposed fire protection non-ad valorem assessment from the public and affected property owners and adopt a non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 197.3632(4). All affected property owners have the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. Written objections should be mailed to the Non-Ad Valorem Department, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, 33870. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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 the Board determines that continuation of the hearing is necessary, the date, time, and location of the continuation of the hearing will be announced at the public hearing on June 19, 2018. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Pam Rogers, ADA Coordinator, at (863) 402-6509 (voice) or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection in the office of the County Administrator, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida.

The fire protection non-ad valorem assessment amount shown on this notice will be collected by the Highlands County Tax Collector on the 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 your property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your fire protection service assessment, please visit our website at www.hcbcc.net or contact the Office of Management and Budget at (863) 402-6832, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

***** THIS IS NOT A BILL *****