



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Resolution 24-20 (Finance)

DATE: July 23, 2024

DESCRIPTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ANNUALLY ASSESSING FIRE SERVICES COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSESSED COSTS AND ASSESSMENT RATES FOR FIRE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval and authorization to charge residents 100% of the fire cost (81% prior year).

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The City's Fire Assessment Program has been operating since 1999. A flat fee is charged against single-family residences, while other property types (commercial, industrial, institutional) are charged on a square-foot basis. The fee is apportioned by usage and the number of calls per property type, excluding such calls as EMS. This is to ensure the cost is allocated in an equitable manner and to be consistent with current case law. The fire assessment rate in the prior year was 81% of fire costs.

The fire assessment rate is a fee charged to properties for fire protection services. This fee is separate from property taxes and is specifically designated to fund the fire department's operations and services. Increasing the fire assessment rate means that property owners will contribute an additional amount to cover fire costs in the City.


FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fire costs for 2025 will be \$6,237,078. If the City continues to charge 81% of the fire costs, the City will be funding \$1,185,045 of the total fire cost in 2025, which can be allocated towards building a new public safety facility.

The City has the option of decreasing the millage rate to offset any increase in the fire assessment rate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 24-20

Workflow History 			
User	Task	Action	Date/Time
Allen, Tedra	NEW ITEM: Not Yet Routed	*FINANCIAL IMPACT: Forward to Financ...	07/09/24 04:58 PM
Williams, Irwin	Assigned to Finance Director	COMPLETE: Forward to City Attorney	07/11/24 01:39 PM
Horowitz, Jacob	Assigned to Attorney	COMPLETE: Forward to City Manager	07/11/24 01:41 PM
Rey, Alex	Assigned to City Manager	COMPLETE: Forward to City Clerk	07/11/24 01:44 PM
Allen, Tedra	Assigned to City Clerk	APPROVE ITEM: End Workflow	07/12/24 12:56 PM
Allen, Tedra	END WORKFLOW - APPROVED		07/12/24 12:59 PM