

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; IMPOSING A RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, enacted Chapter 38 “Solid Waste” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, which authorizes the imposition of a Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment, pursuant to the procedures contained therein (“the Ordinance”) for the provision of Solid Waste Collection Services for single-family residential properties that receive residential solid waste collection services within the Town, and provided for findings of special benefit and the method of apportionment of the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Solid Waste Collection Services for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessed Costs among parcels of Assessed Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to impose a Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment within the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023, using the tax bill collection method; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, on June 20, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 2023-40 (the "2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution"), referencing the Residential Solid Waste Collection Services to be provided to Assessed Property, describing the method of apportioning the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessed Cost to compute the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Solid Waste Collection Services against Assessed Property, estimating a rate of assessment, and directing the preparation of the Assessment Roll and provision of the notice to the affected landowners; and

WHEREAS, in order to impose the Residential Solid Waste Collection Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, the Ordinance requires the Town Council to adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption process for each Fiscal Year, which establishes the rate of assessment and approves the Assessment Roll for the

upcoming Fiscal Year, with such amendments as the Town Council deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing has been provided by Palm Beach County, pursuant to Florida Statutes 197.3635; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget estimates for the expenditures of the Solid Waste Fund have been prepared and submitted: and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 5, 2023, and comments and objections of all interested parties have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The aforementioned “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance, the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION. This Resolution constitutes the Annual Assessment Resolution as defined in the Ordinance. All capitalized terms in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Ordinance and the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 4. IMPOSITION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT.

(A) The parcels of Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll, as updated and which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefitted by the provision of the Solid Waste Collection Services described in the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, in the amount of the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment set forth in the Assessment Roll, a copy of which was present or available for inspection 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 Town will be specifically benefitted by the Town's provision of Residential Solid Waste Collection, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment of such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution. Adoption of this Annual Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all assessed parcels derive a special benefit, as set forth in the Ordinance and the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, from the Residential Solid Waste Collection Services to be provided, and a legislative determination that the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution.

(B) The method of computing the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment described in the 2023 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, as modified, amended, and supplemented herein, is hereby approved.

(C) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, the estimated Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessed Cost to be assessed is \$400 which amount may be corrected. The Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessed Costs for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024, commencing October 1, 2023, is hereby established at \$400.00 annually, per Dwelling Unit/Billing Unit. This assessment rate is hereby approved. It is hereby determined that the assessed properties will receive a benefit from solid waste collection services in an amount not less than the amount they are assessed. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services 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) The Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment 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 Assessment. 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, together with the correction of any errors or omissions shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection using the tax bill collection method in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION. The Preliminary Assessment Resolution adopted June 20, 2023, except where in conflict herein, is confirmed.

SECTION 6. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessments shall be collected pursuant to the Uniform Method of Collection as set forth in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 7. EFFECT ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Annual Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented (including, but not limited to, the determination of special benefit and fair apportionment to the Assessed Property, the method of apportionment and assessment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Residential Solid Waste Collection Assessment), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 calendar days from the date of this Annual Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 8. APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE BUDGET. The budget estimates, a copy of which are attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof as Exhibit "A," are hereby approved as the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget and shall adopted as part of the Town's budget by the Town Council which time it will be in full force and effect for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2023, and terminating on September 30, 2024. From time-to-time, the Town may transfer from one fund, account, or department to another as the necessity for the same may occur without being required to amend the terms and provisions of this Resolution. The provisions of this

Resolution shall not be deemed to be a limitation of the power granted to the Town by applicable law and which relate to the fiscal management of the Town’s funds.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTS. That all prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affecting the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Annual Assessment Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Councilmember _____ offered the foregoing Resolution. Council member _____ the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Laura Danowski, Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Robert Shorr, Vice Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Margaret Herzog, Councilmember | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marianne Miles, Councilmember | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS __ DAY OF September 2023.

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Mayor Laura Danowski

Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk

Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

Councilmember Margaret Herzog

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Councilmember Phillis Maniglia

Office of the Town Attorney

Councilmember Marianne Miles