



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners
THROUGH: Michael Helfrich, City Manager
FROM: Clint Belk, Fire Chief
DATE: September 23, 2026
RE: Fire Assessment Fee Presentation

Background

With Amendment 3, which relates to property tax reform, appearing on the November ballot, the City should begin discussing potential options for funding essential public services, including public safety, should changes to property tax revenues occur.

To facilitate this discussion, Chris Roe of Bryant Miller Olive P.A. will provide a presentation regarding the use of a fire assessment fee. The presentation will address the legal authority for such a fee, available implementation options, and the process for establishing a fire assessment program.

This presentation is for informational purposes only. No decisions have been made regarding the implementation of a fire assessment fee. Rather, the presentation is intended to provide the Commission with information and encourage a proactive discussion about future funding options to ensure that the residents and visitors of Madeira Beach continue to receive the high level of public safety services they expect.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item. Any potential fiscal impacts related to a fire assessment fee would be evaluated and presented for Commission consideration if the City elects to pursue that option in the future.

Recommendation

No action is required. This item is presented for informational purposes and Commission discussion.

Attachment(s):

