



## AGENDA

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners

VIA: Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

FROM: Offices of the City Manager and City Clerk

SUBJECT: City of Pahokee's Continuing Consent to Inclusion in PBC Fire Rescue  
Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU)

DATE: August 26, 2025

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#### **GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:**

Florida Statutes §125.01(1)(q) authorizes counties to establish Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTUs) to provide essential services such as fire-rescue, and §125.01(1)(r) allows municipalities to be included with the municipality's consent by ordinance.

Palm Beach County established the Fire/Rescue MSTU to provide regional fire protection, advanced life support, fire prevention, fire code enforcement, and related services. The City of Pahokee initially consented to inclusion in the Fire/Rescue MSTU through Ordinance No. 2005-06, which was extended by subsequent City action and County boundary ordinances. In 2016, Ordinance No. 2016-09 extended the City's consent through December 31, 2025, with services continuing through October 1, 2026, 7:30 a.m. to allow for completion of the 2025 tax year funding cycle.

The proposed ordinance continues the City's participation for an additional ten (10) years (December 31, 2025 – December 31, 2035), ensuring uninterrupted services through October 1, 2036.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The City will continue funding fire-rescue services through the MSTU ad valorem millage set by Palm Beach County. No new or additional local funding obligations are imposed on the City under this ordinance.

#### **LEGAL NOTE:**

Defer to the City Attorney.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU allows the City to maintain reliable, professional fire-rescue services without bearing the significant financial and operational burden of establishing and staffing its own municipal fire department. Staff recommends approval of the item.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance 2025-01