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7/10/2018	1	Board of County Commissioners	approved	Pass

**PLACEMENT:** Departmental

**TITLE:**

**STAFF PRESENTATION OF A METHODOLOGY FOR A FIRE ASSESSMENT FEE UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Fire Rescue Department is presenting a methodology for introducing a non-ad valorem assessment to fund the fire related apportionment of the operating and capital improvement budgets.

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Rescue

**PREPARED BY:** **Name:** Ryan Manning  
**Title:** Administrative Specialist

**REQUESTED BY:** Matt Resch / Fire Rescue Administrator

**PRESET:** 9:30 AM

**PROCEDURES:** None

**BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, outlines requirements for collection methods of an assessment program; however, the County is not obligated in any way to impose a special assessment. The Board of County Commissioners can consider the adoption of a non-ad valorem special assessment to be levied over a number of years to help fund the cost of providing: fire protection services, capital improvements and the fixed asset replacement/refurbishment budget (FARB).

**ISSUES:**

The County has an abundant list of deferred maintenance challenges countywide and considering a non-ad valorem assessment will serve as an alternative revenue source to benefit those needs and continue to provide a dedicated funding mechanism for fire protection. The assessment areas encompass all of unincorporated Martin County.

**LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:**

None

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board approve the draft.

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Direct staff to not move forward with a public hearing to adopt a service assessment ordinance for fire protection

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept public comment and provide direction to proceed with a public hearing to adopt a service assessment ordinance for fire protection.

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
<b>Subtotal</b>		
<b>Project Total</b>		

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:**

- Budget Transfer / Amendment
- Chair Letter
- Contract / Agreement
- Grant / Application
- Notice
- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Other: