



Board of County Commissioners

2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

Agenda Item Summary

File ID: 18-0513

DEPT-3

Meeting Date: 7/10/2018

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
Subtotal		
Project Total		

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

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