

# Fire Assessment Analysis

The Board of County Commissioners determined on October 13, 2020, that it is in the best interest of efficiency and effectiveness to consolidate its fire assessment districts into a single countywide fire assessment district. The current maximum rate set on August 14, 2007, is \$125 per improved parcel following the research by Real Estate Research Consultants. The current annual rate set in 2020 was \$124.00 per improved parcel; therefore, only \$1.00 per improved parcels is remaining from the original maximum rate set and limits the Board's ability to gain additional revenue via a rate change.

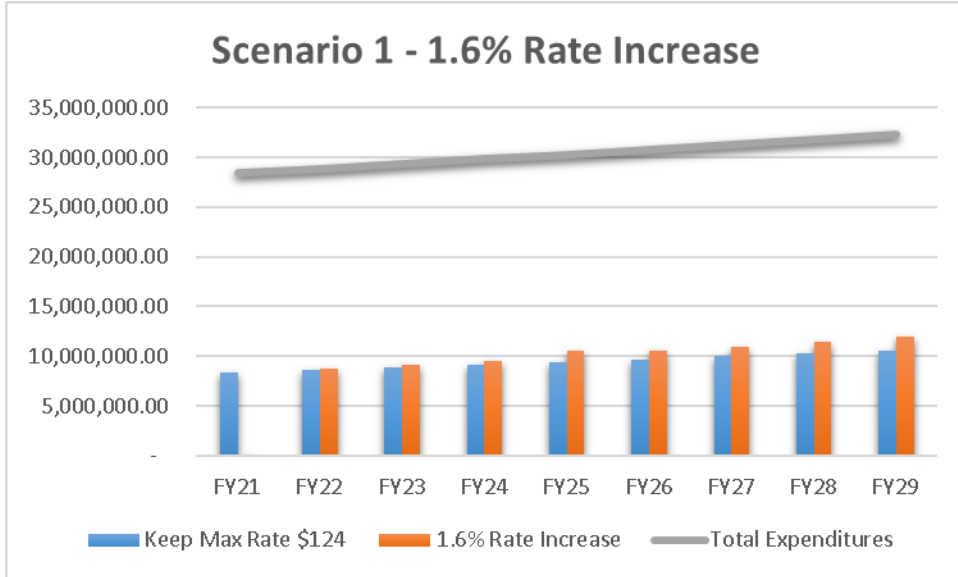
A new maximum rate has been determined of \$359.57 using the same methodology applied in 2007. This methodology is still valid after consulting with the original consultant and the County Attorney. It is recommended to proceed with the communication of the maximum rate via first class mail in advance of the Board considering the annual assessment rate as part of the FY 21/22 budget process. Please note that the maximum rate is not the recommended rate but the new cap based on the FY 20/21 budgets and the current methodology. **It is the communication of the new maximum rate that is requested for direct at this meeting.**

As part of the early preparation for the FY 21/22 budget, we did prepare some scenarios for future consideration. Each of the five scenarios is intended to increase non-Ad Valorem assessment revenue to offset the increase in Ad Valorem tax revenue required to subsidize the fire services across Sumter County. The chart below shows a summary of all five scenarios, including maintaining the current rate vs. total estimated fire services expenditures.



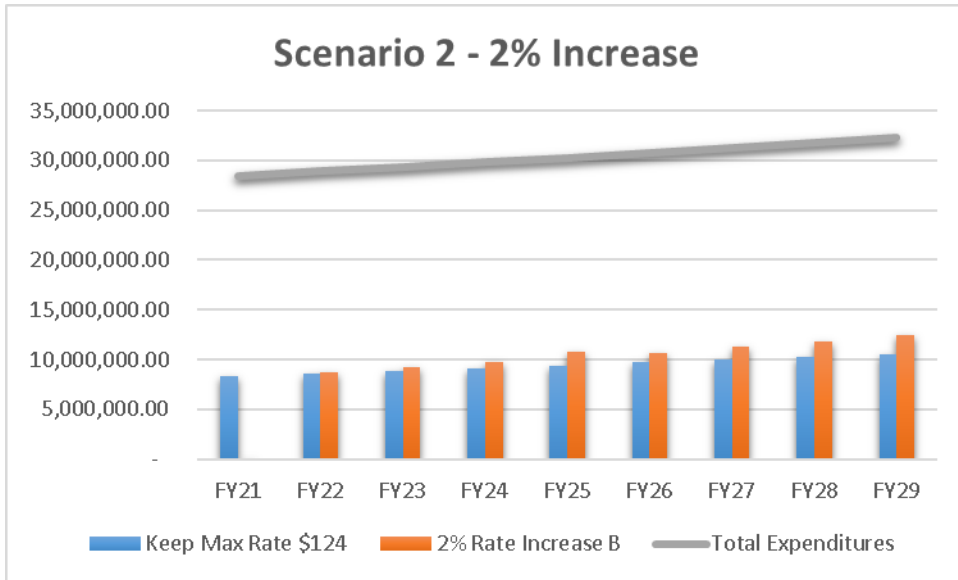
**Scenario 1 (1.6% Increase-A)**

This scenario will increase the revenue to \$12,014,518, using a rate of \$141 per parcel in FY29, which is only 37.23% of the total anticipated fire expenditures.



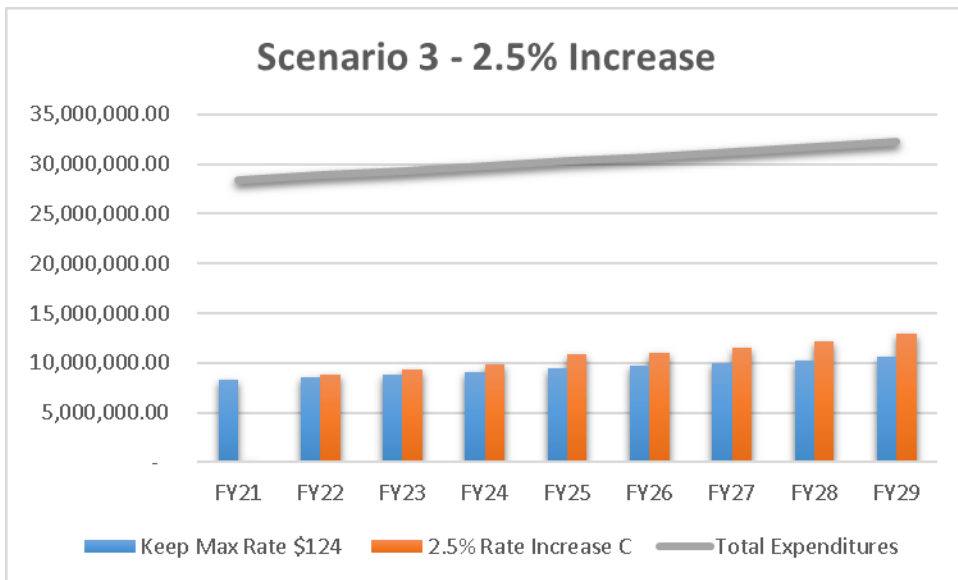
**Scenario 2 (2.0% Increase-B)**

This scenario will increase the revenue to \$12,398,184, using a rate of \$145 per parcel in FY29, which is only 38.42% of the total anticipated fire expenditures.



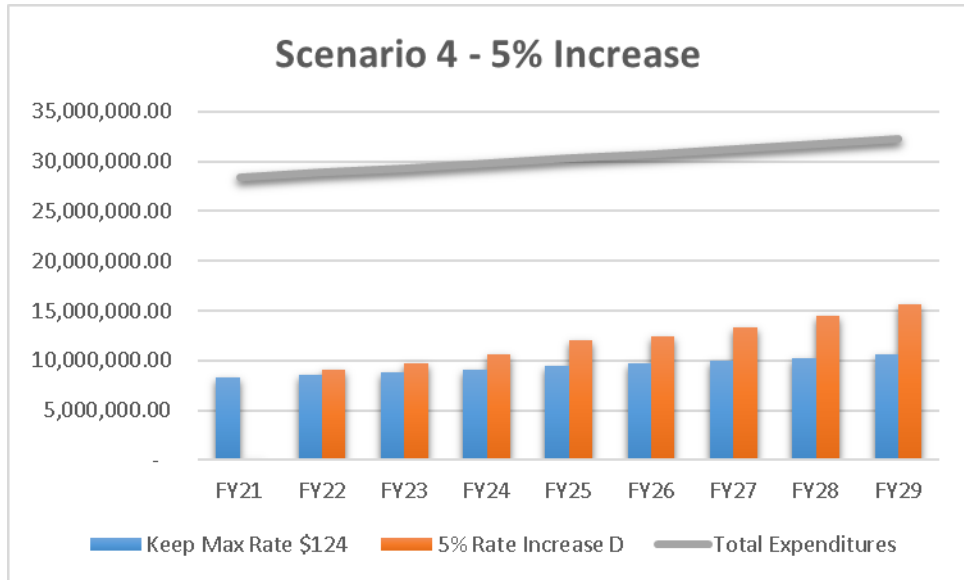
**Scenario 3 (2.5% Increase-C)**

This scenario will increase the revenue to \$12,892,811, using a rate of \$151 per parcel in FY29, which is only 39.95% of the total anticipated fire expenditures.



**Scenario 4 (5.0% Increase-D)**

This scenario will increase the revenue to \$15,634,035, using a rate of \$183 per parcel in FY29, which is only 48.44% of the total anticipated fire expenditures.



**Scenario 5 (10.0% Increase-E)**

This scenario will increase the revenue to \$22,682,879, using a rate of \$266 per parcel in FY29, which is only 70.28% of the total anticipated fire expenditures.

