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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission of Sumter County will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire rescue special assessment for the provision of fire rescue services within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Sumter County that constitute the boundaries of the Sumter County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Rescue Services, which now includes what was the former Villages Fire District.

The hearing will held at 7:00 PM, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, in the \_\_\_\_\_, for the purposes of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within twenty (20) days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785 (352) 689-4400, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The annual special assessment for fire protection services is currently set at \$124.00 per tax parcel in order to share certain fixed costs required to be expended for readiness to serve, regardless of the occasion of fire rescue incidents or calls. Such costs are to be shared by all improved parcels not otherwise wholly exempt from ad valorem taxes. The remaining portion of the budget for fire rescue services will be funded by other legally available revenues, including ad valorem taxes. At the hearing, the Board will consider setting the maximum, per parcel, annual special assessment for fire protection services at \$360.00; this would be the maximum amount that could be imposed without further notice.

Copies of the Capital Improvement and Essential Services Procedural Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2007-20), the initial assessment resolution and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator in the Villages Sumter County Service Center 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2021, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator's Office at 352-689-4400, Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

{INSERT MAP OF THE COUNTY}

**COUNTY COMMISSION  
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA**