

*******NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER*******

Sumter County
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, Florida 34785

**SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE
FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSEMENTS
NOTICE DATE: _____, 2021**

Owner Name	Tax Parcel #
Address	Legal Description
City, State Zip	

As required by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given by Sumter County that an annual assessment for fire rescue services using the tax bill collection method may be levied on your property for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The purpose of this assessment is to fund fire rescue services benefiting improved property 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. The annual fire rescue assessment is based on each improved tax parcel sharing certain fixed costs to provide fire rescue services and facilities.

The annual fire protection assessment for the above parcel is currently \$124.00. The County Commission reserves the right to adjust the portion of the fire rescue budget funded by fire protection assessments in such a way as to reduce the amount of assessment per parcel, provided that the difference will be made up through other legally available revenues. The actual amount of the assessment will be confirmed at a public hearing described below. The portion of the budget for fire protection services which is not funded by fire rescue assessments will be funded by other legally available revenues, including ad valorem taxes.

The maximum annual fire protection assessment that will be considered to be imposed without further notice for future years for the above parcel is \$360.00.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on _____, _____, 2021, in _____ for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessment. You and all other 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 you decide to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings 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 American 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.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within twenty (20) days from the date of County Commission action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Capital Improvement and Essential Services Procedural Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2007-20), the initial assessment resolution, and the updated assessment roll are available for inspection at the County Administrator's Office, located at 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785.

Both the fire rescue service non-ad valorem assessment shown on this notice and the ad valorem taxes for the above parcel will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November of each year that the assessment is imposed. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your fire protection assessment, please contact the County Administrator's Office at 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785, Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

*******THIS IS NOT A BILL*******