



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 14, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION.** A RESOLUTION, RELATING TO SECURITY SERVICES ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE HAMMOCK LAKES SECURITY GUARD SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT; PROVIDING AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS; APPROVING THE UPDATED SECURITY SERVICES ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ASSESSMENT COLLECTION ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

In accordance with the Dade County Home Rule Charter and Chapter 18 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, in 2009 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 09-63 to create the Hammock Lakes Security Guard Special Taxing District to provide enhanced security services to properties within the District. Pursuant to Section 18-3.1 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, after approval by referendum and a joint resolution of the County and City of Coral Gables, governance and control of the District was transferred from the County to the City effective on October 1, 2018. Pursuant to the interlocal agreement between the County and the City outlining the transfer of governance, the City is responsible for establishing assessment rates and collecting assessments for the Special Taxing District.

Pursuant to the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), the annual reimposition of assessments requires the adoption of a Preliminary Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-156), which was adopted on June 8, 2021, and adoption of this Annual Assessment Resolution. This Annual Assessment Resolution confirms the assignment of Assessment Units and computation of the Assessments as established in the Preliminary Assessment Resolution. It imposes the Assessments in the manner provided in the Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 to fund ongoing Security Services within the District, and approves the Assessment Roll for the District.

The annual Security Service Cost will fund enhanced security services, facilities, and programs provided within the District that is in addition to the customary and typical law enforcement services provided throughout the City and consists of a visible safety and sentinel security service using unarmed uniformed guards provided by a private security guard company continuously operating from a guardhouse located on SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (School House Road) south of SW 88<sup>th</sup> Street (N. Kendall Drive) and a road closure with emergency access gate on Hammock Lake Drive west of Old Cutler Road. The total estimated Security Service Cost is \$265,896.87 for fiscal year 2021-22 and the corresponding assessments are \$3,968.61 per improved lot/unit and \$1,984.31 per vacant lot/unit or lot/units with external access.

There is no change in the proposed methodology. There is a proposed increase in this year's assessment to fund the contingency reserve. The FY2022 assessment is proposed to increase from \$3,868.61 to \$3,968.61 per improved Lot/Unit and from \$1,934.31 to \$1,984.31 per vacant lot/units or units with external access.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Resolution/Ordinance No.</b>	<b>Comments</b>
5/26/2015	Ordinance No. 2015-09	Master Assessment Ordinance
7/10/2018	Resolution No. 2018-196	Initial Assessment Resolution
9/13/2018	Resolution No. 2018-247	Final Assessment Resolution
6/11/2019	Resolution No. 2019-197	Initial Assessment Resolution
6/12/2019	Resolution No. 2019-275	Final Assessment Resolution
6/9/2020	Resolution No. 2020-137	Initial Assessment Resolution
9/10/2020	Resolution No. 2020-209	Final Assessment Resolution
6/8/2021	Resolution No. 2021-156	Preliminary Assessment Resolution

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

**1. Draft Resolution**