



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities, and programs within the Cocoplum Phase I street lighting special taxing district; estimating the cost of street lighting services, facilities, and programs to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2023; directing the Finance Director to prepare or direct the preparation of an updated street lighting assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

In accordance with the Dade County Home Rule Charter and Chapter 18 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, in 2020 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 20-114 to create the Cocoplum Phase I Street Lighting Special Taxing District to provide street lighting services, facilities, and programs 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. Pursuant to the interlocal agreement between the County and the City outlining the transfer of governance, the City shall be responsible for "establishing assessment rates and collecting assessments for the Special Taxing District." Pursuant to this agreement, the City adopted the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-142) and the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2022-222). As originally created, the proposed apportionment methodology was established on a front footage basis but was changed to a per Lot/Unit method of apportionment in 2022.

Pursuant to the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), this resolution initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll, sets the assessment rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, calls for the public hearing on these rates, and directs the provision of notice.

There is no change in the proposed methodology or proposed assessment rates. The FY2024 assessment rate is \$878.00 per lot. In the prior year it was projected that the assessment for FY 2024 would be reduced to approximately \$450.00. However, construction costs were underestimated as were the Miami-Dade election costs, therefore, the current year assessment was not able to be reduced.

Approval