



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to Security Services Assessments within the Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District; confirming the Initial Assessment Resolution; imposing Security Services Assessments; approving the Security Services Assessment Roll; providing for collection of the assessments; and providing for an effective date.

In accordance with the Dade County Home Rule Charter and Chapter 18 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, in 2018 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 18-110 to create the Banyan Drive 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. 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 the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), the initial step for the City to establish assessment rates and provide for collection of assessments for the District was the adoption of an Initial Assessment Resolution, which was done on June 11, 2019. This Final Assessment Resolution confirms the assignment of Assessment Units and computation of the Assessments as established in the Initial Assessment Resolution. It imposes the Assessments in the manner provided in the Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 to fund ongoing Security Services within the District, and approves the Assessment Roll for the District.

For Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 the assessment is intended to fund administration and the necessary costs for the design, permitting, construction, and installation of the neighborhood guardhouse, security gates at the neighborhood entrance, security cameras, recording equipment, and associated improvements. Thereafter, the annual Security Service Cost is intended to fund administration maintenance, and the provision of visible safety and sentinel security using unarmed uniformed guards operating from the guardhouse and video recording of all vehicles entering and exiting the District to be provided 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The total estimated security services cost is \$371,492 for fiscal year 2019-20 and the correspondingly assessments are estimated to be \$7,581.47 per improved lot/unit and \$3,790.74 per vacant lot/unit. The proposed method of apportionment is based on the number of lots/units per tax parcel/folio with vacant lots being assessed as ½ a lot/unit until developed. This method of apportionment is the same as the existing security services districts within the City and the same methodology previously used by the County for other security services districts.