



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities, and programs throughout the Cocoplum Phase I Street Lighting Assessment Area; estimating the cost of street lighting services, facilities, and programs to be assessed for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2021; determining that certain real property will be specially benefitted thereby; establishing the method of assessing the street lighting service cost against the real property that will be specially benefitted thereby; directing the City Manager to prepare or direct the preparation of a preliminary assessment roll based upon the methodology set forth herein; establishing a Public Hearing to consider imposition of the proposed street lighting assessments and the method of their collection and directing the provision of notice in connection therewith; providing for severability; 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 2020 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 20-114 to create the Coco Plum 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 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 is the adoption of this Initial Assessment Resolution. However, when creating the District, the County applied a front footage method of apportionment, and the property owners within the District are currently undergoing a petition to seek approval to change this method of apportionment to a per Lot/Unit apportionment and also to change the legal of service within the District. In addition, the petition is seeking to increase the number of lights to be installed from 55 to up to 123 lights. Accordingly, with these potential changes pending at this time, this resolution sets the Street Lighting Service Cost at \$0 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Once the petition is concluded, the City has the option to upfront the funds to start the project and get reimbursed with the November 2022 tax billing.