



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, 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 for a severability clause 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 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 this agreement, the City adopted the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution Number 2018-196) on July 10, 2018, and the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution Number 2018-247) was adopted on September 13, 2018.

Pursuant to the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), the annual reimposition of assessments requires the adoption of a Preliminary Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2019-197), which was adopted on June 11, 2019, 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, 2019 to fund ongoing Security Services within the District, and approves the Assessment Roll for the District.

There is no change in the proposed methodology. There is an increase in this year's assessment to \$3,868.61 per improved lot/unit and \$1,934.31 per vacant lot/unit to properly adjust the budget to account for CPI increases for security guard services and bringing guardhouse maintenance to community standards. Additionally, the increase allows the build-up of a proper operational reserve over the next few years.