



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 severability and 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 the Master Assessment Ordinance (No. 2015-09), the annual reimposition of assessments requires the adoption of a Preliminary Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2020-137), which was adopted on June 9, 2020, 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, 2020 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 52nd Avenue (School House Road) south of SW 88th 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 \$264,999.79 for fiscal year 2020-21 and the corresponding assessments are \$3,868.61 per improved lot/unit and \$1,934.31 per vacant lot/unit or lot/units with external access.

These are the same assessment rates as fiscal year 2019-20 and there is no change in the proposed methodology.