

City of Coral Gables

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A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to Security Services Assessments within the Pine Bay Estates 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.

n accordance with the Dade County Home Rule Charter and Chapter 18 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, in 1993 Dade County (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 93-66 to create the Pine Bay Estates 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. 2020-129), 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 mobile security program provided by at least one roving, off-duty law enforcement officer or private security guard, on duty 12 hours per day, 365 days a year. The total estimated Security Service Cost is \$177,506.56 for fiscal year 2020-21 and the corresponding assessments are \$2,305.28 per improved lot/unit and \$1,152.64 per vacant lot/unit.

The assessment rates are proposed to increase this year back up the initially established level. Rates were lowered last year due to excess funds received from the County. There is no change in the proposed methodology.