
TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA

**PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION
FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

ADOPTED July 14, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2701

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE IN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Commission (the "Commission") of the Town of Surfside, Florida (the "Town"), has enacted Ordinance No. 2018-1687 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the annual reimposition of annual Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services for Residential Property and certain Assessed Property within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Solid Waste Service Assessment for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Solid Waste Costs among parcels of Assessed Property; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to reimpose an annual Solid Waste Service Assessment for collection, disposal and recycling services, through an assessment program within the Town, using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Services Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2018-1687), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2018-2524), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2018-2534), Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS. This resolution constitutes the Preliminary Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and directs the reimposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution and the Final Assessment Resolution. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number, include the plural number, and vice versa.

SECTION 3. PROVISION AND FUNDING OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

(A) Upon the imposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services against Assessed Property located within the Town, the Town shall provide Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services to such Assessed Property.

(B) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property will be benefited by the Town's provision of Solid Waste

Management Services in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Service Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT. The legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution and the Final Assessment Resolution are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENT RATE.

(A) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, for which Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services are to be reimposed, the Solid Waste Cost shall be allocated among all parcels of Assessed Property, based upon the methodology and procedures set forth in the Ordinance. The total Solid Waste Cost for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 is estimated to be \$350,282. Accordingly, a rate of assessment equal to \$318.67 for each Dwelling Unit for solid waste management services, including collection, disposal and recycling services is hereby approved for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020.

(B) In accordance with Section 2.08 of the Ordinance, a maximum assessment rate of \$400.00 per Dwelling Unit for solid waste collection, disposal and recycling services was approved for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019, and future fiscal years.

(C) The Town Manager is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an updated Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 in the manner provided in the Ordinance. Such updated Assessment Roll shall contain the following: (1) a summary description of all Assessed Property within the Town conforming to the description contained on the Tax Roll, (2) the name and address of the Owner of record of each parcel as shown on the Tax Roll, and (3) the amount of the Solid Waste Service Assessment attributable to each Dwelling Unit for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services.

(D) A copy of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution and the updated Assessment Roll is maintained on file in the office of the Town Clerk and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the updated Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Solid Waste Service Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by use of a computer database available to the public.

(E) The Solid Waste Service Assessment for each parcel of Assessed Property shall be computed by multiplying the assessment rate by the number of Dwelling Units on such parcel.

(F) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the foregoing method of determining the Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Solid Waste Cost therefore among parcels of Assessed Property.

SECTION 6. AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING. There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020, at Town of Surfside Town Hall, Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154, for the purpose of (A) receiving and considering any comments on the Solid Waste Service Assessments from affected property owners and (B) authorizing the reimposition of such Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection, disposal and recycling services for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and collecting such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 7. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. The Town Manager shall publish a notice, as required by Section 2.04 of the Ordinance, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A. Such notice shall be published no later than August 26, 2020 in a newspaper generally circulated in Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 8. NOTICE BY MAIL. The Town Manager shall provide notice by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of Assessed Property which has been reclassified or issued a new Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) pursuant to a building permit for a Dwelling Unit that was not included on the Assessment Roll approved for the prior fiscal year, and in the event circumstances described in Section 2.08(F) of the Ordinance so require. Such notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Such notices shall be mailed not later than August 26, 2020.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Preliminary Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th day of July, 2020.

Motion By: Commissioner Velasquez
Second By: Vice Mayor Paul

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Charles Kesl	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

Attest:




Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney

APPENDIX A

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

To Be Published by August 26, 2020

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider reimposing solid waste service assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, against certain improved residential properties located within the incorporated area of the Town, to fund the cost of solid waste collection, disposal and recycling services provided to such properties and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020, at Town of Surfside Town Hall, Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Town Commission within 20 calendar days of the date of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4863, Ext. 226, at least 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

The total annual solid waste assessment revenue to be collected within the Town of Surfside for the upcoming fiscal year is estimated to be \$350,282. The rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year shall be \$318.67 per Dwelling Unit. The maximum rate of assessment that can be imposed in the fiscal year commencing

October 1, 2019 and future fiscal years shall be \$400.00 per Dwelling Unit. Copies of the Solid Waste Management Services Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2018-1687), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2018-2524), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2018-2534), the Preliminary Rate Resolution initiating the annual process of updating the Assessment Roll and reimposing the Solid Waste Service Assessments, and the updated Assessment Roll for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town at (305) 861-4863, Ext. 226, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2020, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

**TOWN COMMISSION OF
TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA**

APPENDIX B

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED

******* NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER *******

**Town of Surfside
9293 Harding Avenue
Surfside, Florida 33154**

**TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD
VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

NOTICE DATE: August 26, 2020

**Owner
Address
City, State Zip**

*Sequence #
Tax Parcel #
Legal Description:*

As required by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and the direction of the Town Commission, notice is given by Town of Surfside, Florida, that annual assessments for solid waste services using the tax bill collection method, may be reimposed and levied on your property. The use of an annual special assessment to fund solid waste services benefiting improved property located within the Town of Surfside, Florida, in the past has proven to be fair, efficient and effective. The total annual solid waste assessment revenue to be collected within the Town of Surfside, Florida is estimated to be \$350,282. The annual solid waste service assessment is based on the number of residential dwelling units contained on each parcel of property.

The following is a summary of the non-ad valorem special assessments being reimposed on the above parcel for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

The above parcel is subject to the solid waste service assessment:

The total number of residential dwelling units on the above parcel is _____.

The annual solid waste service assessment for the above parcel is \$ _____ (\$318.67 for each residential dwelling unit) for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020.

The maximum annual solid waste service assessment for the above parcel is \$ _____ (\$400.00 for each residential dwelling unit) for the Town's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2019, and each fiscal year thereafter.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020, Town of Surfside, Town Hall, Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All owners of improved property within the Town were mailed individual notices similar to this one when the assessments were first imposed. Subsequently, only owners of reclassified property which resulted in an increased assessment, or owners of property not included on the prior year's assessment roll will receive updated mailed notice in addition to the annual published notice. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Town Commission within 20 calendar days of the date of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk at (305) 861-4863, Ext. 226, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Town Commission action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the legal documentation for the assessment program are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida 33154.

The special assessment amount shown on this notice and the ad valorem taxes for the above parcel will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November of each year that the assessment is imposed. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Finance Department at (305) 861-4863, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.