

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY'S STORMWATER UTILITY; REIMPOSING STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST DEVELOPED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE STORMWATER SERVICE AREA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Pensacola, Florida, has enacted Ordinance No. 52-00 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the imposition of Stormwater Service Assessments against real property specially benefited by the City's Stormwater Management Services;

WHEREAS, the reimposition of a Stormwater Service Assessment is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the cost of the City's Stormwater Management Service among parcels of property that are specially benefited thereby;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reimpose a stormwater service assessment program using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, in order to reimpose Stormwater Service Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, the Ordinance requires the City Council to adopt an Annual Stormwater Service Assessment Resolution during its budget adoption process for each Fiscal Year, which establishes the rate of assessment and approves the updated Stormwater

Assessment Roll for the upcoming Fiscal Year, with such amendments as the City Council deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties;

WHEREAS, the updated Stormwater Assessment Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing has been published and mailed as required by the terms of the Ordinance, which provides notice to all interested persons of an opportunity to be heard; an affidavit regarding the form of notice mailed being attached hereto as Appendix B and the proof of publication being attached hereto as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been duly held on August 13, 2020 and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered as required by the terms of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 18-10), the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 36-10), sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the Charter of the City of Pensacola, Florida, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(A) This resolution is the Annual Stormwater Assessment Resolution for the imposition of Stormwater Service Assessments.

(B) All capitalized terms in this resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Stormwater Service Assessment Resolution, and the Amended and Restated Final Stormwater Service Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 3. APPROVAL OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENT ROLL.

(A) The updated Stormwater Assessment Roll, which is currently on file in the office of the City Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

(B) Even though they may not be described in the Stormwater Assessment Roll due to Section 119.071(d), Florida Statutes, the approved Stormwater Assessment Roll includes all parcels of Assessed Property with exempt “home addresses.”

SECTION 4. REIMPOSITION OF STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS.

(A) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property within the Stormwater Service Area will be specially benefited by the City's Stormwater Management Services in an amount not less than the Stormwater Service Assessment for such Tax Parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and set forth in the updated Stormwater Assessment Roll.

(B) Adoption of this Annual Stormwater Service Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit in a manner consistent with the legislative declarations, determinations and findings as set forth in the Ordinance and the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution from the Stormwater Management Services to be provided and a legislative determination that the Stormwater Service Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution.

(C) The method for computing and apportioning the Stormwater Service Assessments described in the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution is hereby approved.

(D) In accordance with section 163.3162(3), Florida Statutes, the City is prohibited from charging a Stormwater Service Assessment on certain agricultural property, if such farm operation has a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit, an environmental resource permit, a works-of-the-district permit, or if it has implemented best management practices adopted as rules by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, or an appropriate water management district. Accordingly, any Owner of such agricultural property demonstrating that they meet the outlined requirements shall be exempted from the Stormwater Service Assessment.

(E) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, the estimated Stormwater Service Cost of \$2,838,800.00 shall be allocated among all parcels of Assessed Property, based upon each parcel's number of Net ESUs. An annual rate of assessment equal to \$72.24 per Net ESU is hereby imposed for each Tax Parcel of Developed Property. Stormwater Service Assessments for Stormwater Management Services in the amounts set forth in the updated Stormwater Assessment Roll, as herein approved, are hereby levied and imposed on all Tax Parcels of Assessed Property described in the Stormwater Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020.

(F) The Stormwater Service Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the Tax Parcels so assessed equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid. The lien for the Stormwater Service Assessments shall be deemed perfected upon adoption by the City Council of this Annual Rate Resolution and shall attach to the property included on the Stormwater Assessment Roll as of the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes.

(G) As authorized in the Ordinance, interim Stormwater Service Assessments are also levied and imposed against all property for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued after adoption of this Annual Stormwater Service Assessment Resolution based upon the rates of assessment approved herein.

SECTION 5. COLLECTION OF STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The Stormwater Service Assessments shall be collected from all Assessed Property, except Government Property, pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. The Stormwater Utility Director is hereby authorized and directed to certify and deliver or cause the certification and delivery of the Stormwater Service Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector by September 15, in the manner prescribed by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The Assessment Roll, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix C.

(B) The Stormwater Service Assessments shall be collected from all Government Property in accordance with Section 4.04 of the Ordinance. The Council hereby directs the Stormwater Utility Director to mail said bills no later than November 1, 2020.

SECTION 6. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Annual Stormwater Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented herein (including, but not limited to, the apportionment methodology, the rate of assessment, the adoption of the Stormwater Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Stormwater Service Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of this Annual Stormwater Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Jewel Cannada-Wynn
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Ericka L. Burnett
City Clerk

APPENDIX A

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

APPENDIX B

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Grover C. Robinson, IV, and Tammy Peters, who, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. Grover C. Robinson, IV, as Mayor of the City of Pensacola, Florida ("City"), pursuant to the authority and direction received from the City Council, timely directed the preparation of the Assessment Roll and the preparation, mailing, and publication of notices in accordance with the Stormwater Utility Ordinance adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2000 (the "Ordinance").

2. Tammy Peters, is Office Manager for Government Services Group, Inc. ("GSG"). GSG has caused the notices required by the Ordinance to be prepared in conformance with the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution. An exemplary form of such notice is attached hereto. GSG has caused such individual notices for each affected property owner to be prepared and each notice included the following information: the purpose of the assessment; the total amount proposed to be levied against each parcel; the unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment; the number of such units contained within each parcel; the total revenue the City expects to collect by the assessment; a statement that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title; a statement that all affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written

objections with the local governing board within 20 days of the notice; and the date, time, and place of the hearing.

3. On or before July 23, 2020, GSG caused the mailing of the above-referenced notices in accordance with the Ordinance and the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution by First Class Mail to each affected owner, at the addresses then shown on the real property assessment tax roll database maintained by the Escambia County Property Appraiser for the purpose of the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

FURTHER AFFIANTS SAYETH NOT.

Grover C. Robinson, IV, affiant

Tammy Peters, affiant

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing Affidavit of Mailing was sworn to and subscribed before me, by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2020 by Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor, City of Pensacola, Florida. He is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and did take an oath.

Printed Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida
At Large
My Commission Expires: _____
Commission No.: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing Affidavit of Mailing was sworn to and subscribed before me, by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2020 by Tammy Peters, Office Manager, Government Services Group, Inc., a Florida corporation. She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and did take an oath.

Printed Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida
At Large
My Commission Expires: _____
Commission No. _____

APPENDIX C

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I am the Mayor of the City of Pensacola, Florida (the "City"); as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the non-ad valorem assessment roll for stormwater management services (the "Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll") for the City is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, this certificate and the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Escambia County Tax Collector by September 15, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and directed the same to be delivered to the Escambia County Tax Collector and made part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this _____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

By: _____
Grover C. Robinson, IV
Mayor

[to be delivered to Tax Collector prior to September 15]