

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Ocoee, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the City and collection of these assessments pursuant to the tax bill collection method.

The hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on August 18, 2026, in the City Commission Chambers, 1 N. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City 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 call the City Clerk at (407) 905-3105, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1 for assistance via Florida Relay Service.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed Fire Protection Assessment rate schedule:

Fire Protection Assessment Rates

Fire Protection Assessment Rates		
Category	Demand Component	Availability Component
Residential	Per Dwelling Unit	Per EDU
Residential	\$133.81	\$463.35
Non-Residential	Per Square Foot	Per EDU
Commercial	\$0.151	\$463.35
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.030	\$463.35
Institutional	\$0.150	\$463.35

Copies of the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee, Florida.

The fire protection special assessment will be collected on the annual 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 in accordance with the provisions of Florida law, which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of City 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.

If you have any questions regarding the fire protection special assessment please contact the City Clerk at (407) 905-3105, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

