

HICKORY TREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) for the Hickory Tree Community Development District (“District”) will hold two (2) public hearings and a regular meeting at the following date, time, and location:

DATE: Thursday, August 6, 2026
TIME: 10:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Orlando SW – Celebration Area
5711 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Kissimmee, Florida 34746

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to receive public comment and objections on the District’s proposed budget (“Proposed Budget”) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027 (“Fiscal Year 2027”). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190, 197, and 170, *Florida Statutes*, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments (“O&M Assessments”) upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District’s general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. Pursuant to Section 170.07, *Florida Statutes*, a description of the services to be funded by the O&M Assessments, and the properties to be improved and benefitted from the O&M Assessments, are all set forth in the Proposed Budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Lot Type	Total # of Units	ERU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027)*	Change in Annual Dollar Amount
Townhome	92	0.75	\$1,240.22	\$1,240.22
Single Family 45’	44	0.90	\$1,488.27	\$1,488.27
Single Family 50’	263	1.00	\$1,653.63	\$1,653.63
Single Family 60’	25	1.20	\$1,984.36	\$1,984.36
Single Family 75’	4	1.50	\$2,480.45	\$2,480.45
Unplatted	369	0.11	\$183.36 Per Unit / \$654.79 Per Acre	\$183.36 Per Unit / \$654.79 Per Acre

*Including collection costs and early payment discounts

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Osceola County (“County”) may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), *Florida Statutes*, the lien amount shall serve as the “maximum rate” authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), *Florida Statutes*, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District that are due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2027.

For Fiscal Year 2027, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2026. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District’s decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, Ph: (407) 841-5524 (“District Manager’s Office”), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager’s Office at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager’s Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting and may also file written objections with the District Manager’s Office within twenty (20) days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

District Manager

RESOLUTION 2026-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKORY TREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND THE PROPOSED BUDGET PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 190, 197, AND/OR 170, FLORIDA STATUTES; SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS; ADDRESSING PUBLICATION; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has, prior to June 15, 2026, prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the Hickory Tree Community Development District (“District”) a proposed budget (“Proposed Budget”) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027 (“Fiscal Year 2027”); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to fund the administrative and operations services (together, “Services”) set forth in the Proposed Budget by levy of special assessments pursuant to Chapters 190, 197, and/or 170, *Florida Statutes* (“Assessments”), as set forth in the preliminary assessment roll included within the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits would accrue to the properties within the District, as outlined within the Proposed Budget, in an amount equal to or in excess of the Assessments, and that such Assessments would be fairly and reasonably allocated as set forth in the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget, including the Assessments, and desires to set the required public hearings thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HICKORY TREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2027 attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. DECLARING ASSESSMENTS. Pursuant to Chapters 190, 197, and/or 170, *Florida Statutes*, the Assessments shall defray the cost of the Services in the total estimated amounts set forth in the Proposed Budget. The nature of, and plans and specifications for, the Services to be funded by the Assessments are described in the Proposed Budget, which is on file and available for public inspection at the “District’s Office,” c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801. The Assessments shall be levied within the District on all benefitted lots and lands, and shall be apportioned among such lots and lands, all as described in the Proposed Budget and the preliminary assessment roll included therein. The preliminary assessment roll is also on file and available for public inspection at the District’s Office. The Assessments shall be paid in one or more installments pursuant to a bill issued by the District in November of 2026, and pursuant to Chapter 170, *Florida Statutes*, or, alternatively, pursuant to the *Uniform Method* as set forth in Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*.

3. SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS. Pursuant to Chapters 190, 197, and/or 170, *Florida Statutes*, public hearings on the approved Proposed Budget and the Assessments are hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: Thursday, August 6, 2026
HOUR: 10:15 AM
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4. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Osceola County, Florida at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above.

5. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District’s website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 3 and shall remain on the website for at least forty-five (45) days.

6. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. Notice of the public hearings shall be published in the manner prescribed by Florida law.

7. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2026

