#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NUISANCE ABATEMENT, NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Resolution of the City of Springfield, Florida (the "City") is adopted pursuant City Ordinance No. 525, Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.** It is hereby ascertained, determined, and deemed as follows:

(A) The City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, (the "Commission") is contemplating the imposition of a special assessment for the cost of services, facilities, or programs which provide a special benefit to, or relieve a burden attributable to, one or more parcels of land within the Assessment Area defined herein, by eliminating or abating a public nuisance on such parcel (the "Improvements").

- (B) The Commission intends to use the uniform method to collect non-ad valorem special assessment(s) for the cost of providing Improvements to property or properties, as required, within the incorporated city limits of the City of Springfield, Florida, as depicted in Exhibit A (the "Assessment Area"), as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, because this method will allow such special assessment to be collected commencing in November 2015, in the same manner as provided for ad valorem taxes.
- (C) The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing prior to the adoption of this Resolution, proof of publication of such hearing being attached hereto as Exhibit B.

#### SECTION 3. ELECTION TO USE UNIFORM METHOD.

(A) Commencing with the ad valorem tax bills issued in November 2015, the City intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessment(s) authorized in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, as the alternative method to collecting non-ad valorem assessments for the cost of providing the Improvements during Fiscal Year 2014-15. Such non-ad valorem assessments shall by subsequent resolution be levied upon one or more parcels within the Assessment Area, as required.

- (B) The City hereby determines that the levy of the assessments is needed to fund or repay the cost of the Improvements within the Assessment Area.
- (C) The Bay County Property Appraiser and Bay County Tax Collector have agreed to the adoption of this Resolution prior to March 1, 2015.
- (D) Adoption of this Resolution is solely for the purpose of complying with the statutory requirements that the City publicly announce to the Florida Department of Revenue, the Bay County Property Appraiser, and the Bay County Tax Collector before March 10, 2015 that it may levy non-ad valorem assessments and use the uniform method of collection.
- (E) Adoption of this Resolution shall not be deemed to commit or require the City to impose any assessments.
- (F) Upon adoption, the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by United States mail to the Florida Department of Revenue, the Bay County Tax Collector, and the Bay County Property Appraiser by March 10, 2015.
- SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2015.

## CITY COMMISSION OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

By:

Ralph Hammond, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

D. Lee Penton, City Clerk

#### EXHIBIT A

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ASSESSMENT AREA

Entire Municipal Limits of Springfield, Florida

# EXHIBIT B PROOF OF PUBLICATION