

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, ADOPTED AFTER CONSIDERING AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PERTAINING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES; CONFIRMING AND AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF THE ANNUAL PROCESS NECESSARY FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the City's Fire Service Assessment Ordinance No. 511, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the Municipal Charter of the City (the "Charter"), sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS.** It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that:

(A) Under an Work Order approved on same date, the City Commission hereby confirms the continuing engagement of Mark G. Lawson, P.A., and authorized the use of GAI Consultants, Inc. (successor by consolidation to Real Estate Research Consultants), and Ennead, LLC (collectively, the "Assessment Professionals") to prepare and review the Fire Budget and Assessment Review ("Executive Summary") describing an apportionment approach pertaining to special assessments for fire protection services and facilities on an ongoing annual basis, and the fundamental rate information to be included in such Executive Summary has been presented to, and duly considered by, the City Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(B) The review of the information to be included in such an Executive Summary by the City Commission initiates the annual process necessary for consideration of the imposition and collection of such assessments, apportioned substantially in accordance with the method employed in the current Fiscal Year and as generally set forth in the prior year's Executive Summary, in order to provide assessment revenue to fund a portion of the City's fire department budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

**SECTION 3. DIRECTION.**

(A) The Mayor, City Attorney, Fire Chief and other necessary City officials and employees along with the Assessment Professionals are directed and authorized to undertake all actions to initiate and fully and promptly notice tax parcel specific information on the City's website, by publication, and notice the public hearing process necessary for City Commission consideration of an annual non-ad valorem assessment to fund a portion of the fire protection services related budget in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Mayor, City staff, and City Attorney are

hereby authorized to assist in such undertaking and to provide such information and assistance as may be necessary in order for the City Commission to promptly consider and determine to fund, and collect at a later date, if the City Commission so determines, a net amount of approximately \$449,500 through the imposition of such assessments generally apportioned in the manner referenced and set forth in the updated Executive Summary at a rate of \$88.31 per tax parcel (Tier 2) with the remaining additional amount funded by a rate based upon a relative improvement value (Tier 1). An additional amount of \$4.56 per tax parcel will be collected to defray the City's assessment administration costs. The Fire Service Assessment Roll for notice and consideration purposes shall also include a prorata amount from each tax parcel equivalent to and to pay for the charges and costs imposed by the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector, together with an amount equivalent to the maximum statutory discounts involved when the Uniform Method of Collection is employed.

(B) Because the City Commission has determined not to raise the rates for these assessments, and the boundaries of the City have not changed within the last year, there is no requirement to provide individual notice by first-class mail. Such notice is also fairly achieved by inclusion in the property appraiser's notice of property taxes and adopted non-ad valorem assessments under section 200.069, Florida Statutes (sometimes called the TRIM notice).

(C) On September 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, during a meeting of the City Commission at City Hall, a public hearing shall be held concerning the assessments, prior to the adoption of the Annual Assessment Resolution.

(D) The Mayor or City Clerk, upon review and approval by the City Attorney, or their designees, are hereby directed and authorized to confer with and execute on behalf of the City such agreements with the local Tax Collector and Property Appraiser as are required by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, necessary to employ and effectively use the Uniform Method of Collection (sometimes called the tax bill collection method).

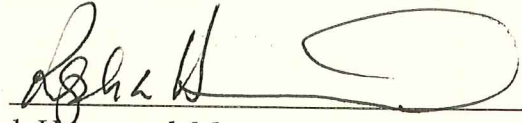
**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

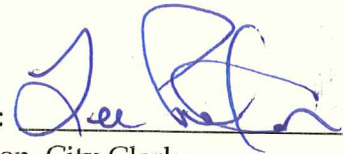
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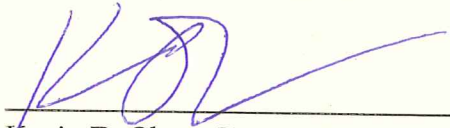
**PASSED and APPROVED** on first reading in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, this 6th day of July 2015.

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

(SEAL)

By:   
Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Lee Penton, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Kevin D. Obos, City Attorney