

CITY OF GAINESVILLE FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Assessment Methodology

- Uses NFPA standards for determining minimum water supplies for structural fire fighting purposes.
- Assigns hazard class to each building use.
- Uses actual square footage of buildings.
- Uses formula to calculate fire flow requirements for each building based on Fire Department's initial alarm standards, hazard class and building square footage.
- Result is presented as Fire Protection Units.

Hazard Class Examples

Class 7 - Residential, hotel, nursing home, school, office

Class 6 - Bakery, barber shop, churches and similar religious structures, gas station, government building

Class 5 - Restaurant, laundry, plant nursery

Class 4 - Warehouse, department store, exhibition hall, paper mill

Class 3 - Sawmill, flour mill, plastic processing

Factored Fire Protection Units

- Develops relationship between the hazard classes to account for the historical demand for fire services
 - Adds probability for fire protection units within hazard classes to require fire services
- Two Factors:
 - Demand Component Factor
 - Availability Component Factor

Credits

- Eligibility for properly designed and functioning sprinkler systems
- Applied to factored fire protection units calculated for buildings
- Application by property owner
- Verified by Fire Department
- Credit is 10% unit reduction

Tonight's Meeting

- Conduct public hearing
- Determine funding level and final rate for Fiscal Year 2010-11
 - Maximum rate (included in mailed notice)
 - Reduced rate - City has option to adopt rate level up to the maximum provided in notice.
- Confirm policy direction on assessment program
 - Credits
 - Hardship assistance
 - Government exemptions
- Adopt Final Assessment Resolution