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**From:** Brian Scarborough [brian@scarins.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2008 2:28 PM  
**To:** citycomm  
**Subject:** Fire Service Special Assessment

Madame Mayor & Commissioners: I serve on the Chamber of Commerce's Public Policy Committee and we heard a presentation from City and GFR staff yesterday regarding the proposed special assessment for fire services. I'm writing you today to voice my opposition to the Assessment both as a resident and business owner in the City. I object to the basic notion that there should be a special assessment for such a fundamental public service as fire protection. We rely upon you and staff to prioritize the expenditures of the City. It is unacceptable to me that you cannot locate another internal source for the \$2Million that this Assessment is supposed to raise.

I'm not one to complain about all taxes/fees. I understand that worthwhile government services cost money. But I also know that times are tough in our community right now. I see it from my clients every day. Every business I know is down from last year. Is now really the best time to be introducing a new fee to not only your property owners but also your churches and non-profits? I also know that the City's projected revenue is down and would like to offer some potential sources of savings in lieu of a new tax (aka Assessment)-

1. Sell Ironwood. A city in financial trouble can't afford a luxury (and money pit) like a golf course. Meadowbrook and Turkey Creek have changed hands 3-4 different times in the last 10 years because they leak money like a sieve. And those were in good financial times. If someone doesn't want to operate it as a golf course, maybe they'd like to consider some affordable housing development.
2. Cut staff. Our company employs 25 people. At least 2 of them perform functions that are non-essential, they're a luxury. We keep them around because they're nice people and we can afford them at this point. If business continues to go the way it has for 6 months we may no longer be able to afford them. I can only imagine the number of "luxury" positions that an organization of your size has. Based on the 07 budget the Equal Opportunity Office gets \$500K, the Risk Management Dept gets \$885K, HR gets over \$1M, Community Development gets almost \$5M, Budget & Finance gets \$2.78M and RTS gets over \$9M. None of those departments offer services as important as GFR.
3. Privatize where possible. For example, return to contracting with the County's Environmental Protection Department to provide those services in the City. They've tripled in size over the last 10 years so I'm certain they can handle it. Many of my clients with large vehicle fleets have captured significant savings by privatizing their fleet maintenance (I believe Enterprise is the most recognized vendor).
4. Revitalize efforts to get fire protection funds out of UF. Point out that starting their own fire department could be tough in this lean year.
5. Don't accept a contract with the airport for fire service if it loses money. The good news about the airport is if there's a fire it is unlikely to endanger anyone.

In closing, I want to revisit the first slide that we saw in yesterday's presentation. It said in 1975 there were 165 personnel in GFR servicing 65,000 citizens and 26 sq. miles. Now they have 10 less staffers (155 personnel) and service double the population (122,700) and territory (over 60 sq. miles). I guarantee there's no other department in the City that has doubled their capacity for service while cutting staff. How about leaving the GFR budget alone and find places to cut in other departments? All of your citizenry is prioritizing their budgets and they don't have the option of simply voting in a new revenue source. You shouldn't either.

Thanks for your service to our great City.

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**From:** Thomas Hawkins [wthomashawkins@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2008 7:41 AM  
**To:** Andrew, Devonia L.; commth  
**Subject:** Fwd: Special Assessment for Fire Services

## **Forwarded conversation**

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**From:** Frank Green <msg2frank@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 13, 2008 at 11:20 AM  
**To:** Thomas Hawkins <wthomashawkins@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Tom Hawkins <thawkins@atlantic.net>

Thomas,

I noticed the city web page indicated that "All owners of improved property in the City would be subject to the special assessment with the exception of government-owned properties. Non-profit organizations owning improved property would be subject to the assessment."

Did I see that 23 % of the calls for fire department responses were from the University of Florida?

Seems like the Fire Department probably also respond to fires in government owned building.

If it was a fair assessment by square footage, wouldn't all protected buildings pay their proportion?

If it is really an assessment for fire protection, it seems like each governmental entity should pay from their tax revenues for the protection of their governmental owned buildings and the University should pay for protection of University owned buildings.

I suspect this is just one of many complicated problems you face.

I wish you the best as you work on them.

Frank

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Frank Green  
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Yahoo Ad:

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**From:** Thomas Hawkins <wthomashawkins@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 13, 2008 at 12:49 PM  
**To:** Frank Green <msg2frank@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** commth@cityofgainesville.org, "Andrew, Devonia L." <harrisdl@cityofgainesville.org>

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Frank,

You are correct that the University of Florida is a huge recipient of Gainesville's fire services. State law doesn't allow the city to assess the University for this cost. City staff have been in negotiation with University officials seeking voluntary payments. So far, these haven't been successful. On June 23rd, the Commission will specifically discuss UF's potential payment for fire services. I am looking forward to that because, in asking our citizens to fund the department through an assessment rather than through ad valorem taxes, I think its very important to know whether we would be willing to stop giving the service to the University for free.

I am still learning about all of this. Levying the fire assessment required adoption of an authorizing ordinance and will require adoption of a resolution setting an actual rate. Last Monday, I supported the ordinance (because we may need the fire assessment to lessen the gravity of cuts we will be making to city budgets) but voted against a motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft the resolution (because the amount we are considering levying is higher than the shortfall the fire department faces in this year's budget and therefore, I believe, is too high).

Please keep me up to date on your thoughts on this (and everything else). I don't want my positions to stray too far from yours for lack of communication. Don't hesitate to tell me if I'm doing anything wrong!

Thomas

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Thomas Hawkins  
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From: **Frank Green** <[msg2frank@yahoo.com](mailto:msg2frank@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jun 13, 2008 at 4:12 PM  
To: Thomas Hawkins <[wthomashawkins@gmail.com](mailto:wthomashawkins@gmail.com)>

Thomas,

Thank you for your response.

I appreciate your serving our community.

Fire protection is not the only thing for which the University does not pay its share.

The University has been growing for decades and not providing the infrastructure to support it. As you know, the roads barely handle the traffic during the summer sessions. The University continues to build buildings with no provision to increase parking and road capacity. Apparently, any requirements for concurrency of infrastructure are not applied. If the people who work or study in the new buildings were supposed to use a bus or a bicycle, they aren't doing it. In the fall and spring terms, the streets are jammed with cars.

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It appears you came into office after years of growth in government services and at the beginning of an attempt to limit the amount of taxes levied from real estate owners. This leaves you stuck trying to fund all these services without overburdening any one source of revenue or selecting which essential services to continue and which less essential to discontinue. A tough job!

I admire your willingness to work on it.

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**From:** Lannon, Kurt M.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 4:51 PM  
**To:** Hatt, Monique; McVay, Toni L.  
**Cc:** Williams, Sharon D.; Radson, Marion J.; Fiala, Eugenia J.; Young, Shaneka; Folkers, Paul E.  
**Subject:** RE: Modification - 080035 - CCOM Mtng of 6/9/08

I have received this new item.

Please be advised that per normal practice the official modification list was released several hours ago. Obviously, this item will not make that list. We will make this new information available to the CCOM on Monday.

As a "head's up", there are a couple of errors in the listed phone numbers.

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**From:** Hatt, Monique  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 4:06 PM  
**To:** McVay, Toni L.  
**Cc:** Williams, Sharon D.; Lannon, Kurt M.  
**Subject:** Modification - 080035 - CCOM Mtng of 6/9/08

We have a modification to the Fire Services Special Assessment Resolution.

We are replacing the Notice of Hearing and Appendix H to the Resolution. Karen is delivering the new back-up to you as I am typing this e-mail.

Thank you.

Monique Hatt  
Law Office Manager  
City of Gainesville  
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Gainesville, Florida 32602  
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**From:** Harris, Helen J.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 1:47 PM  
**To:** Henry, Scherwin L.  
**Subject:** Accepted: Fire Assessment

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**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 1:47 PM  
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**From:** Driggers, Kathlene S. on behalf of Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 1:31 PM  
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**From:** gregmag@bellsouth.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2008 1:47 AM  
**To:** commsh  
**Cc:** Poe, Lauren B.; Henry, Scherwin L.; Mastrodicasa, Jeanna; Hawkins, Jr., Thomas; Lowe, Craig; Donovan, John F. - Commissioner; Hanrahan, Pegeen  
**Subject:** Fire Assessment fees

Commissioner Henry,

Thank you for providing the forum for discussion of the Fire Assessment fee at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church. The information was presented well and the financial concerns communicated.

As I stated in the meeting, I think that this proposal to assess churches is a bad idea. It may sound fair and equitable but the consequences will be anything but such. If our church, Parkview Baptist Church, is required to pay an assessment fee, it will directly impact the services we provide to the community. We are a small congregation with an old but large church complex. We will be assessed more than the average church in the area. This will impact our church budget and cut into our staffing and ministries.

But even if we remove the impact on our church, the community groups we allow to use our facilities will be impacted even more. We allow 16 community groups to use our church plant. We are open seven days a week and these groups use our facility. They are mostly support groups, scouting groups and recovery groups that have very little income or resources, yet they provide services for the needy and the people most at risk in our society. They donate what they can from member contributions but this covers very little of the actual costs our church incurs. A Fire Assessment fee would force us as a church to either charge these groups or ask them to leave. The most vulnerable will be affected.

I am grateful for the services the fire department provides. The men and women who serve in the department place their lives on the line to protect property and people. This is an invaluable service. However, churches provide valuable services too. We minister to the most vulnerable; those who have fallen through the cracks and those who need more care than city or county services can offer. We do not pay property taxes because for 200 years our country has recognized the valuable service that churches provide for the community. Now that financial constraints call for increased revenue, churches make an easy target. In reality, it is a form of cannibalism. One service takes priority over another service even though both services help the community.

Other communities have assessment fees and yet they exempt churches and other non-profits (see Titusville for instance). I urge you to reconsider this path of taxing churches. It is the first step to full taxation of churches, whether its called an assessment or a tax. That time may come, but you do not have to lead the way. Please remove churches from the assessment fee requirement.

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Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Andrew, Devonia L.  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2008 1:41 PM  
**To:** 'Cindy and Tim Martin'  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr  
**Subject:** RE: Special Assessment for Fire Services

Good Afternoon Mr. Martin,

Your e-mail correspondence has been received by the Mayor and members of the City Commission and it is being shared with the City Manager. Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns in this matter.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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**From:** Cindy and Tim Martin [mailto:cindyandtim@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2008 1:17 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Pegeen  
**Subject:** Special Assessment for Fire Services

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**From:** Cindy and Tim Martin [cindyandtim@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2008 1:22 PM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Special Assessment for Fire Services

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**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
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**To:** Poe, Lauren B.  
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**To:** Mastrodicasa, Jeanna  
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**To:** Hawkins, Jr., Thomas  
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I encourage you to thoughtfully consider the effects of the proposed Special Assessment on some of our most vulnerable citizens, and on the churches and nonprofits that provide an important safety net for so many.

Sincerely,

Tim Martin  
Chair, Board of Business  
United Church of Gainesville

7/16/2008

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Thomas Hawkins [wthomashawkins@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2008 7:12 PM  
**To:** commth  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Change in Fire Assessment Dates

## **Forwarded conversation**

**Subject: FW: Change in Fire Assessment Dates**

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**From:** **Brown, Neomia B.** <brownnb@cityofgainesville.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 3:42 PM  
**To:** Thomas Hawkins <wthomashawkins@gmail.com>, laurenpoer@gmail.com  
**Cc:** "Andrew, Devonia L." <harrisdl@cityofgainesville.org>

Good Afternoon Commissioner Elects,

The Clerk's office is trying to finalize several City Commission Special meeting dates and would like for you to check your calendars to see if you have any conflicts with the following dates:

Public Hearing June 16<sup>th</sup>

May 28<sup>th</sup>

June 26<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Also C/Elect Hawkins would you like "Jr." on your Dais name plate? We have already ordered all others without "Jr." as directed.

Thank you,

7/16/2008

Neomia Brown

Executive Assistant to the City Commission

393-8671

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**From:** Lannon, Kurt M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 1:43 PM  
**To:** citycomm; Andrew, Devonia L.; Brown, Neomia B.  
**Cc:** Folkers, Paul E.  
**Subject:** Change in Fire Assessment Dates

I understand that changes are being proposed to the Master calendar for this item. Devonia/Neomia can you check the Commissioners calendars on these dates. Also, since the Master Calendar was given to the Commissioners-elect can you check with them.

The final dates are very close to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week and as I explained to Paul we need to make sure Commissioners have not already scheduled vacations near that time.

We originally had the following dates:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-April 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-May 12

Public Hearing June 16

The new dates being proposed are:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading May 12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Wednesday May 28-Special meeting

Public Hearing-Thursday June 26-Special meeting

Monday June 30(if needed)-Special meeting

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Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2008 at 4:05 PM  
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Cc: "Andrew, Devonia L." <[harrisdl@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:harrisdl@cityofgainesville.org)>

Neomia,

I do not have conflicts on those dates.

**Thomas**

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Thomas Hawkins  
408 NW 4th Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601  
(352) 562-2888

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7/16/2008

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Folkers, Paul E.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2008 8:47 AM  
**To:** 'clear@ufl.edu'  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr; Andrew, Devonia L.; Northcutt, William K.; Driggers, Kathlene S.  
**Subject:** Proposed Special Assessment for Fire Services

Senior Warden Stokes,

I received a copy of the May 30 correspondence you sent to the City Commission regarding the proposed special assessment for fire services. In your e-mail you indicated you had difficulty finding information on the City's web site. The City has posted extensive information on its web site and I have provided the direct link below for your convenience.

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/webportal/portals/mco/docs/FireAssessment.html>

Thank you for sharing your concerns. Please feel free to contact me with questions. We are also available to meet with you and other churches and community groups to discuss the proposed fire services assessment.

Paul

Paul Folkers  
Assistant City Manager  
City Of Gainesville  
200 East University Avenue  
P.O. Box 490, Station 6  
Gainesville, FL 32602-0490  
(352) 334-5010  
(352) 334-3119 Fax  
[folkerspe@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:folkerspe@cityofgainesville.org)

7/16/2008

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Andrew, Devonia L.  
**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2008 2:46 PM  
**To:** 'Dave Roberts'  
**Cc:** citycomm  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Assessment Letter EMSAC

Good Afternoon Mr. Roberts,

Your e-mail correspondence has been received by the Mayor and members of the City Commission. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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**From:** Dave Roberts [<mailto:swefn@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 01, 2008 12:19 AM  
**To:** bryantrj@cityofgainesville.org; braddyeb@cityofgainesville.org; Donovan, John F. - Commissioner; Hanrahan, Pegeen; Hawkins, Jr., Thomas; Henry, Scherwin L.; Lowe, Craig; Mastrodicasa, Jeanna; Poe, Lauren B.  
**Cc:** Northcutt, William K.; Folkers, Paul E.; Blackburn, Russ D.; Sessions, Donald R.; Bruce Goldfeder  
**Subject:** Fire Assessment Letter EMSAC

<< File: Fire Assessment Letter EMSAC.pdf >>



**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Thomas Hawkins [wthomashawkins@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 31, 2008 10:47 PM  
**To:** commth  
**Subject:** Fwd: Special Assessment for Fire Services Memo  
**Attachments:** Special Assessment for Fire Services.pdf; City Staff Presentation-Fire Services Special Assessment.PDF; GSC Presentation-Fire Services Special ASsessment.PDF

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**From:** **Harris, Helen J.** <harrishj@cityofgainesville.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 3, 2008 at 12:49 PM  
**Subject:** Special Assessment for Fire Services Memo  
**To:** DG\_Elected\_Officals <DG\_Elected\_Officals@cityofgainesville.org>, DG\_CLERKS <DG\_CLERKS@cityofgainesville.org>  
**Cc:** "wthomashawkins@gmail.com" <'wthomashawkins@gmail.com'>, 'laurenpo@cox.net

*Helen J. Harris*

Senior Executive Assistant

City of Gainesville

Office of the Assistant City Manager

(352) 393-8675

FYI: Under Florida's public records law, most written communications to or from City officers and employees regarding City business are public records and are available to the public upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure.

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Gainesville, Florida 32601  
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7/16/2008



## INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** April 3, 2008  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and Members of the City Commission  
**VIA:** Russ Blackburn, City Manager  
**FROM:** Paul Folkers, Assistant City Manager PF  
**SUBJECT:** Special Assessment for Fire Services

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Please see the attached background information for the City Commission meeting on Monday, April 7, 2008 on a Special Assessment for Fire Services. In respect for the Commission's time and to assure adequate time for Commission questions, we will provide a presentation that will incorporate some but not all of these slides. Also attached is the presentation from our consultant Government Services Group, Inc.

PEF:hh

cc: Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission

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## Young, Shaneka

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**Cc:** Northcutt, William K.; Folkers, Paul E.; Blackburn, Russ D.; Sessions, Donald R.; Bruce Goldfeder  
**Subject:** Fire Assessment Letter EMSAC  
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5/31/08

To the City of Gainesville Commissioners:

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The construction of an annual fee soliciting funds from residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional parties with stipulation that this funding be specifically used for operations and enhancement to the fire service is appropriate during these economic times to ensure adequate and sustained service delivery. The necessity to maintain the facilities and personnel infrastructure of a sound department is “key” to maintaining a solid foundation for which delivery of additional specialized and critically needed services can occur; such as emergency medical services response.

Challenges confront us all in our daily efforts to reach a responsible balance between what we can do, must do, and desire to accomplish. We recognize that a secure funding mechanism – in the form of the fire services assessment – is needed to ensure the citizens receive the level of service they not only have been accustomed to but the level they will require in the years to come.

In closing, we of the EMSAC encourage your collective efforts to support the fire services assessment and offer our unified blessing.

Sincerely,

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David L. Roberts, MD, FACEP  
Chairman, Alachua County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council  
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**Cc:** Northcutt, William K.; Folkers, Paul E.; Blackburn, Russ D.; Sessions, Donald R.; Bruce Goldfeder  
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## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Andrew, Devonia L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 10:25 AM  
**To:** 'Clare Stokes'  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr  
**Subject:** RE: churches pay for fire services

Good Morning Senior Warden Stokes,

Your e-mail correspondence has been received by the Mayor and members of the City Commission and it is being shared with the City Manager. Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

-----Original Message-----

From: Clare Stokes [mailto:clear@ufl.edu]  
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2008 9:25 AM  
To: citycomm  
Subject: churches pay for fire services

Dear City Commission:

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However, I am very knowledgeable about our church budget. I think it is a bad idea to assess churches for city services which they may actually use or not use. It would cut directly into funds which churches typically use very creatively for social outreach, in other words, city services. And since the church resources are very limited, they tend to be very careful that the services they provide are effective.

Our particular church, St. Michael's Episcopal, has a very large square footage and a very small congregation. Our total operating budget is approximately \$50,000 (the bulk of which goes to utilities and insurance), and our average Sunday attendance is 26. I hope at the very least, if you do decide to assess fees, that you provide a way for exceptions.

Yours truly,  
Clare Stokes  
Senior Warden  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
4315 NW 23rd Ave.  
Gainesville FL 32606

## Young, Shaneka

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**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:35 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:35 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:05 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Declined: Updated: CANCELEDPaul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:05 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Declined: Updated: CANCELEDPaul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Harris, Helen J.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:05 AM  
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## Young, Shaneka

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**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Williams, Constance N.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Declined: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Williams, Constance N.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Declined: Updated: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:02 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Declined: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:02 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Declined: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N.  
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Becky has another appointment at this time. CW

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## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Driggers, Kathlene S.  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 7:52 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 7:52 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 7:52 AM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 7:52 AM  
**To:** Lowe, Craig  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 4:11 PM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Declined: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

Becky will be meeting with Commissioner Hawkins at this time (actually from 9:00 - 10:00am). Thx-Connie

## Young, Shaneka

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**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Harris, Helen J. on behalf of Folkers, Paul E.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 2:07 PM  
**To:** clerks  
**Subject:** Declined: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

Neomia,

Staff will not be ready to brief the Commission tomorrow. Is there anything available next week?

--Helen

**Young, Shaneka**

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 12:00 PM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:58 AM  
**To:** Williams, Sharon D.; clerks  
**Subject:** Tentative: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:58 AM  
**To:** Mastrodicasa, Jeanna  
**Subject:** Tentative: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Driggers, Kathlene S. on behalf of Northcutt, William K.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:57 AM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:56 AM  
**To:** Williams, Sharon D.; clerks  
**Subject:** Tentative: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment



## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Williams, Constance N. on behalf of Rountree, Becky L.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:56 AM  
**To:** Mastrodicasa, Jeanna  
**Subject:** Tentative: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Waratuke, Elizabeth A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:42 AM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Harris, Helen J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:40 AM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Harris, Helen J. on behalf of Folkers, Paul E.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:39 AM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
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## Young, Shaneka

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**From:** Waratuke, Elizabeth A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** Williams, Sharon D.; clerks  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Waratuke, Elizabeth A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** Mastrodicasa, Jeanna  
**Subject:** Accepted: Paul Folkers - re: Fire Assessment

**Young, Shaneka**

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**From:** Nathan Collier [ncollier@teamparadigm.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 7:11 AM  
**To:** Ron Cunningham  
**Cc:** Nathan Collier; Blackburn, Russ D.; Hanrahan, Pegeen; Bruce DeLaney; pdelaney@alachuacounty.us  
**Subject:** Ron! Disagree w/ today's editorial re Fire Charge for Non-Profits; suggest Gville Sun run New York Times 5/26/08 "Tax Exemptions of Charities Face New Challenges"

## Tax Exemptions of Charities Face New Challenges

By STEPHANIE STROM  
Published: May 26, 2008

RED WING, Minn. — Authorities from the local tax assessor to members of Congress are increasingly challenging the tax-exempt status of nonprofit institutions — ranging from small group homes to wealthy universities — questioning whether they deserve special treatment.

One issue is the growing confusion over what constitutes a charity at a time when nonprofit groups look more like businesses, charging fees and selling products and services to raise money, and state and local governments are under financial pressure because of lower tax revenues.

And there are others: Does a nonprofit hospital give enough charity care to earn a tax exemption? Is a wealthy university providing enough financial aid?

In a ruling last December that sent tremors through the not-for-profit world, the Minnesota Supreme Court said a small nonprofit day care agency here had to pay property taxes because, in essence, it gave nothing away.

The agency, the Under the Rainbow Child Care Center, charges the same price per child regardless of whether their parents are able to pay the full amount themselves or they receive government support to cover the cost.

“We were shocked,” said Michelle Finholdt, who founded the center in 1994 and scraped together the money to buy a building in 2002. “There are a lot of other organizations in our area that we’re similar to, and they are exempt from property taxes.”

The tax-exempt status of charities costs local governments \$8 billion to \$13 billion annually, according to various rough estimates.



And local assessors are not the only government officials scratching their heads over which groups deserve privileged tax status. Congress has threatened to impose a requirement that wealthy universities make minimum payouts from their endowments and raised questions about whether nonprofit hospitals are really all that different from their for-profit — and tax-paying — competitors.

And, concerned about the way some churches are spending money, the Senate Finance Committee has asked for detailed financial information from six evangelical ministries asking them to justify their tax exemptions.

Others are questioning whether some tax-exempt nonprofits, primarily universities and hospitals, have accumulated so much wealth that they should no longer be considered charities. In Massachusetts, where Harvard's endowment has reached \$35 billion in assets, legislators are weighing whether to impose a 2.5 percent annual assessment on universities with endowments of more than \$1 billion.

The idea behind tax exemptions is that the organizations provide a public service or substantially reduce the burdens of government. Standards from property-tax exemptions are set by the states, while the federal exemption means charities are not taxed on their income.

Almost 88 percent of overall nonprofit revenues in 2005, the most recent year for which figures are available, came from fees for services, sales and sources other than charitable contributions, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics. Nonprofit health care providers, day care centers and retirement homes, among others, are often difficult to distinguish from their tax-paying competitors.

"We're all seeing the growth of revenue in this area we call earned income," said Audrey R. Alvarado, executive director of the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, adding that the Minnesota court decision "is saying, 'Wait a minute, charities are supposed to give things away for free.'"

"It goes to the core of how nonprofits are classified and defined," she said, "and I think it is an example of the confusion in the public, and even among folks in the sector itself, about what a nonprofit is."

Evelyn Brody, a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law and an expert on nonprofits and property taxes, said that, in studying the issue in 2002 and revisiting it last year, she had seen an explosion of cases across the country in which charities were challenged to say why they deserve their property tax exemptions.

As universities charge high tuitions, and pay large salaries to administrators, they have become prime targets. For example, New London, Conn., assessed property taxes on a skating rink owned by Connecticut College. Local assessors tried to tax Smith College in Northampton, Mass., arguing that the women's college engaged in sex discrimination and thus was not charitable.

Smaller organizations that provide services like day care or drug treatment are being challenged, too. The Oregon tax court denied property tax exemption to a residential substance-abuse treatment center because it catered to "addicted professionals" and, like Under the Rainbow, did not give away its services.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue and county tax assessors say the uproar over the court ruling here has surprised them.

"From the assessors' standpoint, the Under the Rainbow ruling didn't change anything for us," said Thomas J. May, the tax assessor for Hennepin County and a spokesman for the state's assessors.

In determining which organizations qualify for exemption, assessors in Minnesota rely on the State Constitution, which explicitly exempts things like public burial grounds, seminaries and colleges and universities from taxation, and on six criteria set out in a 1975 State Supreme Court decision.

Mr. May said that the determination process had become increasingly difficult, however, noting that the Mall of America, a major tourist attraction, was seeking tax exemptions as part of its plans to expand, arguing that it aids the state economy by drawing visitors.

"From our perspective in the assessment field, it's harder to define what's a nonprofit these days because there are so many different types, and many of them are doing the same thing for-profit groups that aren't exempt are doing," he said.

Some 95 percent of Under the Rainbow's \$550,582 budget in 2006 came from fees for services paid by families or by county and tribal governments. The court concluded that because the center charged all families the same amount, regardless of their ability to pay, and because its rates were not lower than those of its competitors, it was not an institution of "purely public charity" under the law and thus was subject to thousands of dollars in property taxes — \$16,000 in 2006 and in 2007.

"The extent to which the recipients of the charity are required to pay for the assistance received tests for a value that is fundamental to the concept of charity — that is, whether the organization gives away anything," Chief Justice Russell A. Anderson wrote in the

decision.

Additionally, the court ruled that government payments were not evidence of charity — those payments were not a gift.

These two elements of the ruling have profoundly alarmed nonprofit groups in Minnesota and elsewhere.

“There are between 300 and 500 nonprofit groups in this state that could lose their property tax exemptions under that ruling,” said Jon Pratt, executive director of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, which represents about 2,000 of the state’s roughly 3,400 charities.

RSI Inc. in Duluth is among those at risk, said Jon Nelson, its executive director. The organization was founded 30 years ago by parents of mentally disabled children when the state closed the last of its homes for the disabled.

More than 93 percent of its \$11 million budget this year will come from government, and 6 percent will come from clients. “For-profit businesses aren’t going to take on these clients, and the state long ago recognized that as a nonprofit, we could provide better care at a lower cost than it could,” Mr. Nelson said.

“This court ruling is just ripe with unintended consequences,” he said. “The state is cutting off its nose to spite its face.” RSI owns real estate valued at \$5.5 million and would pay an estimated \$110,000 in property taxes if it lost its exemption.

“The nonprofit sector is being pressed to be more business-like and to find new ways to fill the gaps between what government will pay and what services cost, but then assessors want to treat us like businesses, which pay taxes,” said Jan Malcolm, chief executive of the Courage Center in Minneapolis and a former state health commissioner.

The Courage Center, which provides services and facilities for physically disabled people, estimates that a change in its tax exemption would cost it \$1.7 million — \$1.4 million in property taxes and \$300,000 in sales taxes, which are linked to payment of property taxes in Minnesota.

That, Ms. Malcolm said, would force the center to cut programs and services.

This month, the Minnesota Legislature passed a tax bill that establishes a one-year ban on reversing property tax exemptions held by existing nonprofits.

The bill requires legislators to set criteria to define what is “purely public charity,” a phrase included in many state statutes on charitable property tax exemption, in an era of nonprofit groups that charge for their services and receive only negligible amounts of donations.

“We need to figure out what we mean by ‘purely public charity’ because, frankly, we can’t afford as a state to lose nonprofits providing these kinds of services,” said State Representative Paul Marquart, chairman of the property tax subcommittee. “But it isn’t going to be easy.”

*Nathan S. Collier*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008 6:24 PM  
**To:** Lannon, Kurt M.; Folkers, Paul E.  
**Cc:** Blackburn, Russ D.; Northcutt, William K.; Rountree, Becky L.; citycomm; DG\_CLERKS  
**Subject:** RE: New Date for Commission Meeting on Final Assessment Resolution

Hi Kurt and Paul,  
Quite likely I will be unavailable 7/28-8/8.  
Jack

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**From:** Lannon, Kurt M.  
**Sent:** Tue 5/20/2008 2:32 PM  
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**Cc:** Blackburn, Russ D.; Northcutt, William K.; Rountree, Becky L.; citycomm; DG\_CLERKS  
**Subject:** RE: New Date for Commission Meeting on Final Assessment Resolution

I would caution on July 15 since two late nights in a row is a bit tough.

I will have Devonia and Neomia look at possibilities. We should probably wait until next week to reserve any tentative dates when the two new Commissioners are here.

We can finalize the dates on the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting unless you would like the Mayor to "call" the meetings before then.

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**From:** Folkers, Paul E.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008 12:18 PM  
**To:** Lannon, Kurt M.  
**Cc:** Blackburn, Russ D.; Northcutt, William K.; Rountree, Becky L.  
**Subject:** New Date for Commission Meeting on Final Assessment Resolution

Kurt,

As you know, the Commission changed the schedule on the fire assessment. As a result, we will need to change to date for the Final Assessment Resolution which was scheduled for June 26. We would like to check on Commission availability for the following dates.

July 15, 16, 23 and 24 at 6 p.m. This would include a public hearing that could have a very large crowd. We would like to place the tentative date on the City website and the Commission will need to confirm the date as part of the Initial Assessment Resolution on June 9. Please let me know which of these dates would work for the Commission.

Thanks,

Paul

Paul Folkers  
Assistant City Manager

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**From:** Andrew, Devonia L.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008 1:31 PM  
**To:** 'Larry Reimer'  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr  
**Subject:** RE: And Furthermore - Fire Fee

Pastor Reimer,

The Mayor and Commissioners are in receipt of your email and the City Manager has been copied for his information. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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**From:** Larry Reimer [mailto:larryr@ucgainesville.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008 10:18 AM  
**To:** citycomm  
**Subject:** And Furthermore - Fire Fee

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**From:** Brown, Neomia B.  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2008 5:10 PM  
**To:** citycomm  
**Cc:** citymgr  
**Subject:** FW: Tom Fox letter - re: Fire assessment Fee - Penalty

**Attachments:** 21320.pdf



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-----Original Message-----

From: service2@ci.gainesville.fl.us [mailto:service2@ci.gainesville.fl.us]  
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 3:19 PM  
To: Brown, Neomia B.  
Subject: Tom Fox letter - re: Fire assessment Fee - Penalty

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Tom Fox  
PO Box 2723  
Gainesville Florida 32602

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Fire Assessment Fee -- Penalty

Dear City Commission,

As some of you know I own a building at 109 South Main Street. We recently received the Certificate of Operations from the city. We have Updated the building on all the latest codes including at least \$100,000 in Fire Safety Improvements. Included are brand new sprinkler system, three metal stairways replacing one wooden one, expensive Fire rated windows, fire rated hallways, on and on. My new sprinkler system has an attachment in front of the building that could be used to fight fires of my neighbors in an emergency. All of this online this April.

Yet according to Cathy at the fire dept. My property assessment fee will be the same as my neighbor who refused any of these upgrades when they did their \$300,000 renovation on their building. Where is the incentive for developers or owners to upgrade their buildings on fire assessment fees? Shouldn't I get 50% reduction because I spent the extra money for the numerous fire improvements? Not to mention the increased maintenance costs over the years? Cathy said that she agreed with me and to make you aware of these inequities in the new fee. Cathy agrees that fire improvements of this nature deserve financial reduction in fees. She also said that this fee was put together fast and that in future years it will hopefully modified to represent and more fair tax. I appreciate her sentiments but that is not going to help me when you pass this unfair tax.

According to my calculations the assessment is double what my property taxes were when I bought the building. These are extremely high taxes with little or no debate. Please don't just pass this fire fee without modifying it so that it does not punish the citizens that try to do the right thing in fire safety. With skyrocketing taxes, insurance, multiple fees and basic food costs, you must be aware of a business breaking point. It is imperative that the commission does the right thing. The fair thing. Modify the fire assessment fee now. Thank you.

Sincerely



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**Subject:** Meeting w/Pastors re: Fire Assessment  
**Location:** Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, 120 SE Williston Road

**Start:** Tue 5/27/2008 8:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 5/27/2008 9:00 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Required Attendees:** Northcutt, William K.; Prince, H. E. (Gene); Randolph, Michael O.; Henry, Scherwin L.

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**From:** Andrew, Devonia L.  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2008 8:09 AM  
**To:** star lite  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Fire Assessment By the City of Gainesville

Good Morning Ms. Nichols,

Your e-mail correspondence has been received by the Mayor and it is being shared with the other members of the City Commission as well as the City Manager. Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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**From:** Rodney J. Long [mailto:rjlong@alachuacounty.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2008 5:02 PM  
**To:** star lite  
**Cc:** BOCC (Only Commissioners); Randall H. Reid; Will May; mayor  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Fire Assessment By the City of Gainesville

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*Rodney J. Long*  
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**From:** star lite [mailto:funnels\_of\_thought@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 6:42 PM

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**To:** BOCC (Only Commissioners)

**Subject:** tax for fire protection

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2008 10:27 AM  
**To:** 'jackawie@bellsouth.net'  
**Cc:** citycomm  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Services Special Assessment

Good Morning,

Your e-mail has been received by the Mayor and members of the Commission. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Devonia L. Andrew  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net [mailto:jackawie@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:38 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Pegeen  
**Subject:** Fire Services Special Assessment

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan,  
Please vote **NO** on the collection of fire service assessment against property. This fee will only hurt the working poor and retired.

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Jackie Clark  
NE Gainesville resident



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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:41 PM

**To:** Mastrodicasa, Jeanna

**Subject:** [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Jeanna Mastrodicasa,

Please vote **NO** on the collection of fire service assessment against property. This fee will only hurt the working poor and retired.

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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:40 PM

**To:** Lowe, Craig

**Subject:** [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:39 PM

**To:** Henry, Scherwin L.

**Subject:** [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:36 PM  
**To:** Donovan, John F. - Commissioner  
**Subject:** Fire Services Special Assessment

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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:18 PM

**To:** Braddy, Edward B.

**Subject:** [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Ed Braddy,

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Jackie Clark  
1920 NE 7th Terr.

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**From:** jackawie@bellsouth.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 12:17 PM

**To:** Bryant, Richard J.

**Subject:** [QUARANTINE BYPASSED] Fire Services Special Assessment

Rick Bryant,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 7:05 AM  
**To:** 'joeysharkey@bellsouth.net'  
**Cc:** citycomm; citymgr  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Service Fee

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 6:28 PM  
**To:** citycomm  
**Subject:** Fire Service Fee

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**From:** McVay, Toni L.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 12:51 PM  
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**Subject:** MEETING CANCELLATION - FIRE SERVICES, MAY 28, 2008  
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This meeting was cancelled last night and these items will be placed on the June 9, 2008, Regular City Commission Agenda.

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MEETING CANCELLED



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

DAY, DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2008

TIME: 6:00 PM

REQUEST FOR MEETING

LOCATION: City Hall Auditorium

SPECIAL MEETING
City Commission Action: 04/28/2008
or Commissioner
and Commissioner

EMERGENCY MEETING (Special Conditions Apply)
City Commission Action: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/08
Mayor:
or Commissioner
and Commissioner

WORKSHOP/INFORMAL MEETING
City Commission Action: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/08
Mayor:
or Commissioner
and Commissioner

INSPECTION TRIP
City Commission Action: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/08
Mayor:
or Commissioner
and Commissioner
or Charter:

I/we hereby request the City Commission Meeting titled above for the following topic/s:

- 1. Fire Assessment - 2nd Reading of Ordinance and Initial Assessment Resolution.

Signed: [Signature]
Title: Clerk of the Commission

NOTE: Agenda language will be provided the Clerk's Office BY: \_\_\_ at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ AM PM (Date) (Time) Back-up material will be provided the Clerk's Office BY: \_\_\_ at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ AM PM (Date) (Time)

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