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**RESOLUTION NO. 200147**  
**PASSED \_\_\_\_\_**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

**A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2020; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission of Gainesville, Florida (the "City Commission"), has enacted Ordinance No. 070623, codified in Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances, (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the imposition of Fire Services Special Assessments for fire services, facilities, and programs against all Assessed Property located within the City;**

**WHEREAS, the imposition of a Fire Services Special Assessment for fire services, facilities, and programs each fiscal year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the Fire Services Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property;**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to impose a fire services special assessment in the City using the procedures provided by the Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2020;**

**WHEREAS, the City Commission, on June 18, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 191143 (the "Preliminary Rate Resolution");**

**WHEREAS, the Preliminary Rate Resolution contains and references a brief and general description of the fire services, facilities and programs to be provided to Assessed Property; describes the method of apportioning the Fire Services Assessed Cost to compute the Fire Services Special Assessment for fire services, facilities, and**

programs against Assessed Property; estimates the rate of assessment; and directs the updating and preparation of the Assessment Roll and provision of the notice required by the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, in order to impose Fire Services Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year that begins October 1, 2020, the Ordinance requires the City Commission to adopt an Annual Rate Resolution which establishes the rate of assessment and approves the Assessment Roll for the upcoming Fiscal Year, with such adjustments as the City Commission deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties;

WHEREAS, the Assessment Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing has been published and mailed, as required by the terms of the Ordinance, which provides notice to all interested persons of an opportunity to be heard; the proof of publication being attached hereto as Appendix A; the proof of mailing being attached hereto as Appendix B; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 10, 2020, and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered as required by the terms of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** This resolution is adopted pursuant to the Ordinance, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, Article VIII, Section 2, Florida Constitution, Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of Law.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION.** This resolution constitutes the Annual Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance. All capitalized terms in this resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Ordinance and the

Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 3. IMPOSITION OF FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**

(A) The parcels of Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll, which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefited by the provision of the fire services, facilities, and programs described or referenced in the Preliminary Rate Resolution, in the amount of the Fire Services Special Assessment set forth in the Assessment Roll, a copy of which was present or available for inspection at the above referenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property within the City will be specially benefited by the City's provision of fire services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Services Special Assessment for such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the Preliminary Rate Resolution. Adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit in a manner consistent with the legislative declarations, determinations and findings as set forth in the Ordinance, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and this Annual Rate Resolution from the fire services, facilities, or programs to be provided and a legislative determination that the Fire Services Special Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

(B) The method for computing Fire Services Special Assessments described and referenced in the Preliminary Rate Resolution is hereby approved. The Parcel Apportionment methodology described in Section 6 of the Preliminary Rate Resolution is hereby approved.

(C) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, the estimated Fire Services Assessed Cost to be assessed is \$9,220,423.00. The Fire Services Assessment to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost

Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Fire Services Assessed Cost for the Fiscal Year that begins October 1, 2020, is hereby established as follows:

**\$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit**

(D) The above rate of assessment is hereby approved. Fire Services Assessments for fire services, facilities, and programs in the amounts set forth in the Assessment Roll, as herein approved, are hereby levied and imposed on all parcels of Assessed Property described in such Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year that begins on October 1, 2020.

(E) No Fire Services Assessment shall be imposed on a parcel of government property whose building use is wholly exempt from ad valorem taxation as provided by Florida law.

(F) Any shortfall in the estimated Fire Services Assessed Cost caused by or attributed to any reduction or exemption from payment of the Fire Services Assessments required by law and this Resolution shall be made whole from any legally available funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Fire Services Assessments. To this extent, the City Commission expects to budget and appropriate during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, from any legally available revenues an amount sufficient to cover the anticipated cost of providing fire services, facilities, and programs to any lawfully exempted properties, and any reduction in the Fire Services Assessed Cost.

(G) As authorized in Section 11-43 of the Ordinance, interim Fire Services Assessments are also levied and imposed against all property for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued after adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution based upon the

rates of assessment approved herein.

(H) Fire Services Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the Assessed Property so assessed equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid.

(I) On or before September 15 of each fiscal year the Fire Services Special Assessment is imposed, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is authorized to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll on compatible electronic medium to the tax collector.

(J) The Assessment Roll, as herein approved, together with the correction of any errors or omissions as provided for in the Ordinance, shall be billed, collected and enforced pursuant to the method of collection described in Section 11-61 of the Ordinance and Section 10 of the Preliminary Rate Resolution. The Assessment Roll, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantively the form attached hereto as Appendix C.

**SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION.** The Preliminary Rate Resolution, as amended and supplemented herein, is hereby confirmed.

**SECTION 5. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION.** The adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented (including, but not limited to, the determination of special benefit and fair apportionment to the Assessed Property, the method of apportionment and assessment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Fire Services Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction

to secure relief within 20 days from the date of this Annual Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this resolution or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared severable.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Annual Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

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LAUREN POE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality:

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OMICHELE D. GAINEY  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

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NICOLLE M. SHALLEY  
CITY ATTORNEY

**APPENDIX A**  
**PROOF OF PUBLICATION**



STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

Published Daily and Sunday  
Gainesville, Florida

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Kim Kanemoto who on oath says that she is an Advertising Account Executive of THE GAINESVILLE SUN, a daily newspaper published in Gainesville in Alachua County, Florida (with circulation in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Counties), that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Notice of Hearing to Impose and Provide for Collection of Fire Services Special Assessments relating to

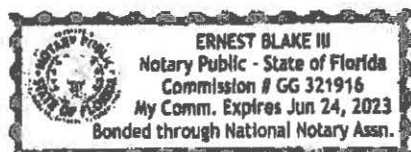
was published in said newspaper in the issues of Monday, August 10, 2020.

Affiant further says that THE GAINESVILLE SUN is a newspaper published at Gainesville, in said Alachua County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Alachua County, each day, and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Gainesville, in said Alachua County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount for publication in said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of August A.D. 2020.

  
Witness

  
Notary Public



NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND  
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE  
SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire special assessments for the provision of fire services within the municipal boundaries of the City of Gainesville and collection of these assessments pursuant to the tax bill collection method.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be held on September 10, 2020, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall 200 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments; however, in light of the execution orders of the COVID-19 Pandemic, may be rescheduled as a virtual meeting. Persons interested in attending and/or participating should check the City's Official Notice of Meetings or contact the Clerk of the Commission at 352-334-5015 for final information on whether the meeting will be held in-person or virtually. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Commission within 20 days of the notice. If a person does not wish to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person shall need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 334-5051, at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the rate number of fire protection units attributed to that parcel.

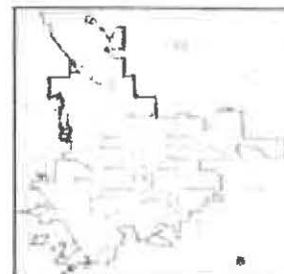
The City Commission on June 18, 2020 adopted a Preliminary Rate Resolution setting the proposed fire services assessments to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning October 2020 and future fiscal years as follows:

\$133.00 Per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit

Copies of the Fire Services Assessment Ordinance, the Preliminary Assessment Resolution and the Preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, located at 200 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida by calling 352-334-5010 for an appointment.

The fire services non-ad valorem assessment will be collected by the tax collector and placed on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2020 and each year that the assessment is proposed. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a lien of sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Gainesville Fire Rescue Administration at (352) 334-5078, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



CITY OF GAINESVILLE  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Aug 10, 2020

**APPENDIX B**  
**PROOF OF MAILING**

### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lee R. Feldman, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the City Manager for the City of Gainesville, Florida (the "City"). Pursuant to Section 200.069(10)(a), Florida Statutes, and with agreement of the Property Appraiser, the City Commission elected to combine notice of the public hearing authorized by the Preliminary Rate Resolution with the truth-in-millage notification required pursuant to Section 200.069, Florida Statutes. Such mailed notice in the form required by Section 200.069(10)(a), Florida Statutes, and consistent with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and the Ordinance, for the purpose of imposing Fire Services Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 was in fact mailed to all affected property owners by the Alachua County Property Appraiser prior to or on August 17, 2020.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

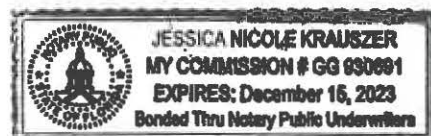
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee R. Feldman, affiant

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

THE FOREGOING Affidavit of Mailing was acknowledged and subscribed to before me by means of ☒ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization for the purposes set forth herein by Lee R. Feldman, City Manager, who is either personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification this 17 day of August, 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Jessica Nicole Krauszer  
Name of Notary Typed or Printed  
My Commission Expires: December 15, 2023



**APPENDIX C  
FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO  
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**CERTIFICATE  
TO  
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I am the Mayor of the City of Gainesville, or authorized agent of the City of Gainesville, Florida (the "City"); as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fire services (the "Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll") for the City is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, this certificate and the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Alachua County Tax Collector by September 15, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and directed the same to be delivered to the Alachua County Tax Collector and made part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAUREN POE, Mayor

**[to be delivered to Tax Collector prior to September 15th]**