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**AGREEMENT FOR UNIFORM COLLECTION OF  
NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

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THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between the City of Pompano beach ("City"), whose address is 100 West Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida 33060 and the Honorable Abbey Ajayi, the state-constitution Tax Collector in and for the Broward County political subdivision, whose address is 115 S. Andrews Avenue, A100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 ("Tax Collector").

**SECTION I**  
**Purpose**

1. The City is authorized to impose and to levy, and by appropriate Resolution has expressed its intent to use the statutory uniform methodology form of collection of, non-ad valorem assessments for certain projects or improvements ("Assessments"), by Chapter 76-441, as amended, Laws of Florida, Sections 197.3631, 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, and rules adopted by the City, and other applicable provision of law.

2. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Tax Collector shall, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, collect and enforce those certain non-ad valorem special assessments imposed and levied by City.

3. City acknowledges that the Tax Collector has no duty, authority or responsibility in the imposition and levy of any non-ad valorem assessments, including the City's "Assessments," and that it is the sole responsibility and duty of the City to follow

all procedural and substantive requirements for the imposition and levy of constitutionally lienable non-ad valorem assessments, including the Assessments.

## **SECTION II**

### **Term**

The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution, effective for 2026, and shall continue and extend uninterrupted from year-to-year, automatically renewed for successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each, unless the City shall inform the Tax Collector, as well as Property Appraiser and the Department of Revenue, by January 10<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year, that the City intends to discontinue to use the uniform methodology for such Assessments using form DR-412 promulgated by the Florida Department of Revenue.

## **SECTION III**

### **Duties and Responsibilities of City**

The City shall:

1. Reimburse the Tax Collector for the actual costs of collection of the non-ad valorem assessments, which reimbursement amount will not exceed two (2) percent of the amount of the Assessments collected and remitted pursuant to Section 197.3632(8)(c), Florida Statutes;

2. Reimburse Tax Collector for necessary administrative costs for the collection and enforcement of the Assessments by the Tax Collector under the uniform methodology, pursuant to Section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.004(2), Florida Administrative Code, to include, but not be limited to, those costs associated with personnel, forms, supplies, data processing, computer equipment, postage and programming.

3. Pay for or alternatively reimburse the Tax Collector for any separate tax bill (not the tax notice) necessitated by any subsequent inability of the Tax Collector to merge the non-ad valorem special assessment roll as certified pursuant to Section 197.3632(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.004(2) Florida Administrative Code.

4. Upon being billed timely, pay directly for necessary advertising relating to implementation of the uniform non-ad valorem special assessment law pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida statutes, and Rule 12D-18.004(2), Florida Administrative Code.

5. Timely certify the applicable non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Tax Collector in accordance with the requirements of Section 197.3632(10), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.006, Florida Administrative Code.

#### **SECTION IV** **Duties of the Tax Collector**

1. The Tax Collector shall take all actions legally required to collect the Assessments pursuant in accordance with Chapter 197, Florida Statutes.

2. The Tax Collector agrees to cooperate with the City in implementation of the uniform methodology for collecting Assessments pursuant to and as limited by Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes.

3. If the Tax Collector discovers errors or omissions on such roll, Tax Collector may request that the City file a corrected roll or a correction of the amount of any assessment. The City shall bear the cost of any such error or omission.

4. Tax Collector hereby agrees to accept Intent Ordinance Nos. 96-76 and 2000-67 attached hereto and incorporated as part of this agreement as Composite Exhibit A, as required by Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

## **SECTION VI** **Miscellaneous**

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and may not be amended, modified or rescinded, except in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

2. Should any provision of this Agreement be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

4. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together will constitute but one and the same instrument.

5. Written notice shall be given to the parties at the following address, or such other place or person as each of the parties shall designate by similar notice:

a. As to Tax Collector:	Hon. Abbey Ajayi Broward County Tax Collector 115 S. Andrews Avenue, A100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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With a copy to:	Timothy R. Qualls, Esq. Young Qualls, P.A. Post Office Drawer 1833 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1833
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b. As to City:	Mayor Rex Hardin City of Pompano Beach 100 West Atlantic Boulevard Pompano Beach, FL 33060
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With a copy to:

Greg Harrison, City Manager  
City of Pompano Beach  
100 West Atlantic Boulevard  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Kervin Alfred, City Clerk  
City of Pompano Beach  
100 West Atlantic Boulevard  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Mark E. Berman, Esq., City Attorney  
City of Pompano Beach  
100 West Atlantic Boulevard  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

6. To the extent of any legal action which may be filed in local, state or federal courts or before an administrative agency against either party regarding the imposition, levy, roll preparation and certification of the Assessments, each party agrees to be fully responsible for such claim, liability or damage arising from its own acts or omissions within the course and scope of this own authority or actions within the scope of this Agreement. Nothing herein shall serve or be interpreted as a waiver of sovereign immunity pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be applicable to or limit liability on behalf of the other party. The parties further agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of the parties based upon this Agreement.

7. Each Party hereby knowingly, voluntarily, and intentionally waives any right it may have to a trial by jury in respect to any litigation based herein, or arising out of, under, or in connection with this Agreement or any course of conduct, course of dealing, statements (whether verbal or written), or actions of either Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals and such of them as are corporations have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

ATTEST:

BROWARD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Abbey Ajayi, Tax Collector

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Rex Hardin, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# COMPOSITE EXHIBIT A

ORDINANCE NO. 96- 76

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH**  
**Broward County, Florida**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH; PROVIDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND DEFINING THE TERM "FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENT"; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON ASSESSED PROPERTY UPON ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING THAT THE LIEN FOR A FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENT COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 197.3632 AND 197.3635, FLORIDA STATUTES, UPON PERFECTION SHALL ATTACH TO THE PROPERTY ON THE PRIOR JANUARY 1, THE LIEN DATE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING THAT A PERFECTED LIEN SHALL BE EQUAL IN RANK AND DIGNITY WITH THE LIENS OF ALL STATE, COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR MUNICIPAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND SUPERIOR IN DIGNITY TO ALL OTHER PRIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES, TITLES, AND CLAIMS; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF INTERIM ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASSESSMENTS ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

## ARTICLE I

### INTRODUCTION

**SECTION 1.01. DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

**"Annual Rate Resolution"** means the resolution described in Section 2.08 hereof, establishing the rate at which a Fire Rescue Assessment for a specific Fiscal Year will be computed. The Final Assessment Resolution shall constitute the Annual Rate Resolution for the initial Fiscal Year in which a Fire Rescue Assessment is imposed or reimposed.

**"Assessed Property"** means all parcels of land included on the Assessment Roll that receive a special benefit from the delivery of the fire rescue services, programs or facilities identified in the Initial Assessment Resolution or the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**"Assessment Roll"** means the special assessment roll relating to a Fire Rescue Assessment approved by a Final Assessment Resolution pursuant to Section 2.06 hereof or an Annual Rate Resolution pursuant to Section 2.08 hereof.

**"Building"** means any structure, whether temporary or permanent, built for support, shelter or enclosure of persons, chattel, or property of any kind. This term shall include mobile homes or any vehicles serving in any way the function of a building.

**"Certificate of Occupancy"** means the written certification issued by the City that a Building is ready for occupancy for its intended use. For the purposes of this



Ordinance, a set up permit or its equivalent issued for a mobile home shall be considered a Certificate of Occupancy.

**"City"** means the City of Pompano Beach, Florida.

**"City Commission"** means the governing body of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida.

**"City Manager"** means the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the City as defined in section 28 of the City Charter, or his designee.

**"Final Assessment Resolution"** means the resolution described in Section 2.06 hereof which shall confirm, modify, or repeal the Initial Assessment Resolution and which shall be the final proceeding for the initial imposition of Fire Rescue Assessments.

**"Fire Rescue Assessment"** means a special assessment lawfully imposed by the City against Assessed Property to fund the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost imposed to fund all or any portion of the cost of the provision of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs providing a special benefit to property as a consequence of possessing a logical relationship to the value, use, or characteristics of property identified in the Initial Assessment Resolution or the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**"Fire Rescue Assessed Cost"** means the amount determined by the City Commission to be assessed in any Fiscal Year to fund all or any portion of the cost of the provision of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs which provide a special benefit to Assessed Property, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following components: (A) the cost of physical construction, reconstruction or completion of any

required facility or improvement; (B) the costs incurred in any required acquisition or purchase; (C) the cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment; (D) the cost of fuel, parts, supplies, maintenance, repairs, and utilities; (E) the cost of computer services, data processing, and communications; (F) the cost of all lands and interest therein, leases, property rights, easements, and franchises of any nature whatsoever; (G) the cost of any indemnity or surety bonds and premiums for insurance; (H) the cost of salaries, workers' compensation insurance, or other employment benefits; (I) the cost of uniforms, training, travel, and per diem; (J) the cost of construction plans and specifications, surveys and estimates of costs; (K) the cost of engineering, financial, legal, and other professional services; (L) the costs of compliance with any contracts or agreements entered into by the City to provide fire rescue services; (M) all costs associated with the structure, implementation, collection, and enforcement of the Fire Rescue Assessments, including any service charges of the Tax Collector, or Property Appraiser and amounts necessary to off-set discounts received for early payment of Fire Rescue Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act or for early payment of Fire Rescue Assessments collected pursuant to Section 3.02 herein; (N) all other costs and expenses necessary or incidental to the acquisition, provision, or construction of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to any related financing authorized by the City Commission by subsequent resolution; (O) a reasonable amount for contingency and anticipated delinquencies and uncollectible Fire Rescue Assessments; and (P) reimbursement to the City or any other Person for any moneys advanced for any costs

incurred by the City or such Person in connection with any of the foregoing components of Fire Rescue Assessed Cost.

**"Fiscal Year"** means that period commencing October 1st of each year and continuing through the next succeeding September 30th, or such other period as may be prescribed by law as the fiscal year for the City.

**"Government Property"** means property owned by the United States of America or any agency thereof, a sovereign state or nation, the State of Florida or any agency thereof, a county, a special district or a municipal corporation.

**"Initial Assessment Resolution"** means the resolution described in Section 2.02 hereof which shall be the initial proceeding for the identification of the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost for which an assessment is to be made and for the imposition of a Fire Rescue Assessment.

**"Ordinance"** means this Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance.

**"Owner"** shall mean the Person reflected as the owner of Assessed Property on the Tax Roll.

**"Person"** means any individual, partnership, firm, organization, corporation, association, or any other legal entity, whether singular or plural, masculine or feminine, as the context may require.

**"Preliminary Rate Resolution"** means the resolution described in Section 2.08 hereof initiating the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and directing the reimposition of Fire Rescue Assessments pursuant to an Annual Rate Resolution.

**"Property Appraiser"** means the Property Appraiser of the County.

**"Tax Collector"** means the Department of Finance and Administrative Services as described in Article IV of the Broward County Charter.

**"Tax Roll"** means the real property ad valorem tax assessment roll maintained by the Property Appraiser for the purpose of the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

**"Uniform Assessment Collection Act"** means sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes authorizing the collection of non-ad valorem assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes, and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

**SECTION 1.02. INTERPRETATION.** Unless the context indicates otherwise, words importing the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa; the terms "hereof," "hereby," "herein," "hereto," "hereunder" and similar terms refer to this Ordinance; and the term "hereafter" means after, and the term "heretofore" means before, the effective date of this Ordinance. Words of any gender include the correlative words of the other genders, unless the sense indicates otherwise.

**SECTION 1.03. GENERAL FINDINGS.** It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that:

(A) Pursuant to Article VIII, section 2(b), Florida Constitution, and sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the City Commission has all powers of local self-government to perform municipal functions, render municipal services except when prohibited by law, and such power may be exercised by the enactment of legislation in the form of City ordinances.

(B) The City Commission may exercise any governmental, corporate, or proprietary power for a municipal purpose except when expressly prohibited by law, and the City Commission may legislate on any subject matter on which the Florida Legislature may act, except those subjects described in (a), (b), (c), and (d) of section 166.021(3), Florida Statutes. The subject matter of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of section 166.021(3), Florida Statutes, are not relevant to the imposition of assessments related to fire rescue services, facilities or programs of the City.

(C) The purpose of this Ordinance is to (1) provide procedures and standards for the imposition of city-wide Fire Rescue Assessments under the general home rule powers of a municipality to impose special assessments; (2) authorize a procedure for the funding of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs providing special benefits to property within the City; and (3) legislatively determine the special benefit provided to Assessed Property from the provision of combined fire control and emergency medical services by the City under its consolidated fire rescue program.

(D) The annual Fire Rescue Assessments to be imposed pursuant to this Ordinance shall constitute non-ad valorem assessments within the meaning and intent of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act.

(E) The Fire Rescue Assessment imposed pursuant to this Ordinance is imposed by the City Commission, not the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, Property Appraiser or Tax Collector. Any activity of the Property Appraiser or Tax Collector under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as ministerial.

#### **SECTION 1.04. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT.**

It is hereby ascertained and declared that the fire rescue services, facilities, and programs of the City provide a special benefit to property within the City that is improved by the existence or construction of a Dwelling Unit or Building based upon the following legislative determinations:

(A) Fire rescue services possess a logical relationship to the use and enjoyment of improved property by: (1) protecting the value of the improvements and structures through the provision of available fire rescue services; (2) protecting the life and safety of intended occupants in the use and enjoyment of improvements and structures within improved parcels; (3) lowering the cost of fire insurance by the presence of a professional and comprehensive fire rescue program within the City; and (4) containing the spread of fire incidents occurring on vacant property with the potential to spread and endanger the structures and occupants of improved property.

(B) The combined fire control and emergency medical services of the City under its existing consolidated fire rescue program enhance and strengthens the relationship of such services to the use and enjoyment of Buildings within improved parcels of property within the City.

(C) The combined fire control and emergency medical service of the City under its existing consolidated fire rescue program enhance the value of business and commercial property that is improved by the existence or construction of a Building which enhanced value can be anticipated to be reflected in the rental charge or value of such business or commercial property.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **ANNUAL FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS**

#### **SECTION 2.01. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

(A) The City Commission is hereby authorized to impose an annual Fire Rescue Assessment to fund all or any portion of the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost upon benefitted property at a rate of assessment based on the special benefit accruing to such property from the City's provision of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs. All Fire Rescue Assessments shall be imposed in conformity with the procedures set forth in this Article II.

(B) The amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment imposed in a Fiscal Year against a parcel of Assessed Property shall be determined pursuant to an apportionment methodology based upon a classification of property designed to provide a fair and reasonable apportionment of the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost among properties on a basis reasonably related to the special benefit provided by fire rescue services, facilities, or programs funded with assessment proceeds. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to require the imposition of Fire Rescue Assessments against Government Property.

**SECTION 2.02. INITIAL PROCEEDINGS.** The initial proceeding for the imposition of a Fire Rescue Assessment shall be the adoption of an Initial Assessment Resolution by the City Commission (A) containing a brief and general description of the fire rescue services, facilities, or programs to be provided; (B) estimating the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost to be assessed; (C) describing the method of apportioning the Fire

Rescue Assessed Cost and the computation of the Fire Rescue Assessment for specific properties; (D) providing a summary description of the parcels of property (conforming to the description contained on the Tax Roll) located within the City that receive a special benefit from the provision of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs or describing a specific geographic area in which such service, facility, or program will be provided; (E) establishing an assessment rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year; and (F) directing the City Manager to (1) prepare the initial Assessment Roll, as required by Section 2.03 hereof, (2) publish the notice required by Section 2.04 hereof, and (3) mail the notice required by Section 2.05 hereof using information then available from the Tax Roll.

**SECTION 2.03. INITIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.**

(A) The City Manager shall prepare, or direct the preparation of, the initial Assessment Roll, which shall contain the following:

(1) A summary description of all Assessed Property conforming to the description contained on the Tax Roll.

(2) The name of the Owner of the Assessed Property.

(3) The amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment to be imposed against each such parcel of Assessed Property.

(B) The initial Assessment Roll shall be retained by the City Manager and shall be open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by use of a computer terminal available to the public.



**SECTION 2.04. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.** Upon completion of the initial Assessment Roll, the City Manager shall publish, or direct the publication of, once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City a notice stating that at a meeting of the City Commission on a certain day and hour, not earlier than 20 calendar days from such publication, which meeting shall be a regular, adjourned, or special meeting, the City Commission will hear objections of all interested persons to the Final Assessment Resolution which shall establish the rate of assessment and approve the aforementioned initial Assessment Roll. The published notice shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Such notice shall include (A) a geographic depiction of the property subject to the Fire Rescue Assessment; (B) a brief and general description of the fire rescue services, facilities, or programs to be provided; (C) the rate of assessment; (D) the procedure for objecting provided in Section 2.06 hereof; (E) the method by which the Fire Rescue Assessment will be collected; and (F) a statement that the Initial Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the office of the City Manager and all interested persons may ascertain the amount to be assessed against a parcel of Assessed Property at the office of the City Manager.

**SECTION 2.05. NOTICE BY MAIL.** In addition to the published notice required by Section 2.04, the City Manager shall provide notice, or direct the provision of notice, of the proposed Fire Rescue Assessment by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of property (except Government Property) subject to the Fire Rescue Assessment. Such notice shall include (A) the purpose of the Fire Rescue Assessment; (B) the rate of assessment to be levied against each parcel of property; (C) the unit of

measurement applied to determine the Fire Rescue Assessment; (D) the number of such units contained in each parcel of property; (E) the total revenue to be collected by the City from the Fire Rescue Assessment; (F) a statement that failure to pay the Fire Rescue Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property or foreclosure proceedings to be instituted, either of which may result in a loss of title to the property; (G) a statement that all affected Owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Commission within 20 days of the notice; and (H) the date, time, and place of the hearing. The mailed notice shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Notice shall be mailed at least 20 calendar days prior to the hearing to each Owner at such address as is shown on the Tax Roll. Notice shall be deemed mailed upon delivery thereof to the possession of the United States Postal Service. The City Manager may provide proof of such notice by affidavit. Failure of the Owner to receive such notice due to mistake or inadvertence, shall not affect the validity of the Assessment Roll nor release or discharge any obligation for payment of a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed by the City Commission pursuant to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.06. ADOPTION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.** At the time named in such notice, or to which an adjournment or continuance may be taken by the City Commission, the City Commission shall receive any written objections of interested persons and may then, or at any subsequent meeting of the City Commission adopt the Final Assessment Resolution which shall (A) confirm, modify, or repeal the Initial Assessment Resolution with such amendments, if any, as may be deemed

appropriate by the City Commission; (B) establish the rate of assessment to be imposed in the upcoming Fiscal Year; (C) approve the initial Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right; and (D) determine the method of collection. The adoption of the Final Assessment Resolution by the City Commission shall constitute a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit from the fire rescue services, facilities, or programs to be provided or constructed and a legislative determination that the Fire Rescue Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit. All objections to the Final Assessment Resolution shall be made in writing, and filed with the City Manager at or before the time or adjourned time of such hearing. The Final Assessment Resolution shall constitute the Annual Rate Resolution for the initial Fiscal Year in which Fire Rescue Assessments are imposed or reimposed hereunder.

**SECTION 2.07. EFFECT OF FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.** The Fire Rescue Assessments for the initial Fiscal Year shall be established upon adoption of the Final Assessment Resolution. The adoption of the Final Assessment 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 initial rate of assessment, the initial Assessment Roll, and the levy and lien of the Fire Rescue Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of the City Commission action on the Final Assessment Resolution. The initial Assessment Roll, as approved by the Final Assessment Resolution, shall be

delivered to the Tax Collector, as required by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, or if the alternative method described in Section 3.02 hereof is used to collect the Fire Rescue Assessments, such other official as the City Commission by resolution shall designate.

**SECTION 2.08. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION.**

(A) The City Commission shall adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption process for each Fiscal Year following the initial Fiscal Year for which a Fire Rescue Assessment is imposed hereunder.

(B) The initial proceedings for the adoption of an Annual Rate Resolution shall be the adoption of a Preliminary Rate Resolution by the City Commission (1) containing a brief and general description of the fire rescue services, facilities, or programs to be provided; (2) estimating the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost to be assessed for the upcoming Fiscal Year; (3) establishing the assessment rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year; (4) authorizing the date, time, and place of a public hearing to receive and consider comments from the public and consider the adoption of the Annual Rate Resolution for the upcoming Fiscal Year; and (5) directing the City Manager to (a) update the Assessment Roll, (b) provide notice by publication and first class mail to affected Owners in the event circumstances described in subsection (F) of this Section so require, and (c) directing and authorizing any supplemental or additional notice deemed proper, necessary or convenient by the City.

(C) The Annual Rate Resolution shall (1) establish the rate of assessment to be imposed in the upcoming Fiscal Year and (2) approve the Assessment Roll for the

upcoming Fiscal Year with such adjustments as the City Commission deems just and right. The Assessment Roll shall be prepared in accordance with the method of apportionment set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution together with modifications, if any, and as confirmed in the Final Assessment Resolution or as provided in the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

(D) Nothing herein shall preclude the City Commission from providing annual notification to all Owners of Assessed Property in the manner provided in either or both Sections 2.04 or 2.05 hereof.

(E) Nothing herein shall preclude the City Commission from establishing by resolution a maximum rate of assessment provided that notice of such maximum assessment rate is provided pursuant to Sections 2.04 and 2.05 hereof.

(F) In the event (1) the proposed Fire Rescue Assessment for any Fiscal Year exceeds the maximum rate of assessment adopted by the City Commission and included in notice previously provided to the Owners of Assessed Property pursuant to Sections 2.04 and 2.05 hereof, (2) the method of apportionment is changed or the purpose for which the Fire Rescue Assessment is imposed is substantially changed from that represented by notice previously provided to the Owners of Assessed Property pursuant to Sections 2.04 and 2.05 hereof, (3) Assessed Property is reclassified in a manner which results in an increased Fire Rescue Assessment from that represented by notice previously provided to the Owners of Assessed Property pursuant to Sections 2.04 and 2.05 hereof, or (4) an Assessment Roll contains Assessed Property that was not included on the Assessment Roll approved for the prior Fiscal Year, notice shall be

provided by publication and first class mail to the Owners of such Assessed Property. Such notice shall substantially conform with the notice requirements set forth in Sections 2.04 and 2.05 hereof and inform the Owner of the date, time, and place for the adoption of the Annual Rate Resolution. The failure of the Owner to receive such notice due to mistake or inadvertence, shall not affect the validity of the Assessment Roll nor release or discharge any obligation for payment of a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed by the City Commission pursuant to this Ordinance.

(G) As to any Assessed Property not included on an Assessment Roll approved by the adoption of the Final Assessment Resolution or a prior year's Annual Rate Resolution, the adoption of the succeeding Annual Rate Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented as to such Assessed Property (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 Rescue Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of the City Commission action on the Annual Rate Resolution. Nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted to affect the finality of any Fire Rescue Assessment not challenged within the required 20 day period for those Fire Rescue Assessments imposed against Assessed Property by the inclusion of the Assessed Property on an Assessment Roll approved in the Final Assessment Resolution or any subsequent Annual Rate Resolution.

(H) The Assessment Roll, as approved by the Annual Rate Resolution, shall be delivered to the Tax Collector as required by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, or if the alternative method described in Section 3.02 hereof is used to collect the Fire Rescue Assessments, such other official as the City Commission by resolution shall designate. If the Fire Rescue Assessment against any property shall be sustained, reduced, or abated by the court, an adjustment shall be made on the Assessment Roll.

**SECTION 2.09. LIEN OF FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS.** Upon the adoption of the Assessment Roll, all Fire Rescue Assessments shall constitute a lien against Assessed Property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district, or municipal taxes and special assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other prior liens, mortgages, titles, and claims, until paid. The lien for a Fire Rescue Assessment shall be deemed perfected upon adoption by the City Commission of the Final Assessment Resolution or the Annual Rate Resolution, whichever is applicable. The lien for a Fire Rescue Assessment collected under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act shall attach to the property included on the Assessment Roll as of the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes imposed under the Tax Roll. The lien for a Fire Rescue Assessment collected under the alternative method of collection provided in Section 3.02 shall be deemed perfected upon adoption by the City Commission of the Final Assessment Resolution or the Annual Rate Resolution, whichever is applicable, and shall attach to the property on such date of adoption.



**SECTION 2.10. REVISIONS TO FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS.** If any Fire Rescue Assessment made under the provisions of this Ordinance is either in whole or in part annulled, vacated, or set aside by the judgment of any court, or if the City Commission is satisfied that any such Fire Rescue Assessment is so irregular or defective that the same cannot be enforced or collected, or if the City Commission has omitted any property on the Assessment Roll which property should have been so included, the City Commission may take all necessary steps to impose a new Fire Rescue Assessment against any property benefited by the Fire Rescue Assessed Costs, following as nearly as may be practicable, the provisions of this Ordinance and in case such second Fire Rescue Assessment is annulled, vacated, or set aside, the City Commission may obtain and impose other Fire Rescue Assessments until a valid Fire Rescue Assessment is imposed.

**SECTION 2.11. PROCEDURAL IRREGULARITIES.** Any informality or irregularity in the proceedings in connection with the levy of any Fire Rescue Assessment under the provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the same after the approval thereof, and any Fire Rescue Assessment as finally approved shall be competent and sufficient evidence that such Fire Rescue Assessment was duly levied, that the Fire Rescue Assessment was duly made and adopted, and that all other proceedings adequate to such Fire Rescue Assessment were duly had, taken, and performed as required by this Ordinance; and no variance from the directions hereunder shall be held material unless it be clearly shown that the party objecting was materially injured thereby. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, any party objecting to



a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed pursuant to this Ordinance must file an objection with a court of competent jurisdiction within the time periods prescribed herein.

**SECTION 2.12. CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS.**

(A) No act of error or omission on the part of the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, City Manager, City Commission, or their deputies or employees, shall operate to release or discharge any obligation for payment of a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed by the City Commission under the provision of this Ordinance.

(B) When it shall appear that any Fire Rescue Assessment should have been imposed under this Ordinance against a parcel of property specially benefited by the provision of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs, but that such property was omitted from the Assessment Roll or was not listed on the Tax Roll as an individual parcel of property as of the effective date of the Assessment Roll approved by the Annual Rate Resolution for any upcoming Fiscal Year, the City Commission may, upon provision of a notice by mail provided to the Owner of the omitted parcel in the manner and form provided in Section 2.05, impose the applicable Fire Rescue Assessment for the Fiscal Year in which such error is discovered, in addition to the applicable Fire Rescue Assessment due for the prior two Fiscal Years. Such Fire Rescue Assessment shall constitute a lien against Assessed Property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district, or municipal taxes and special assessments, and superior in rank and dignity to all other prior liens, mortgages, titles, and claims in and to or against the real property involved, shall be collected as provided in Article III hereof, and

shall be deemed perfected on the date of adoption of the resolution imposing the omitted or delinquent assessments.

(C) Prior to the delivery of the Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, the City Manager shall have the authority at any time, upon his or her own initiative or in response to a timely filed petition from the Owner of any property subject to a Fire Rescue Assessment, to reclassify property based upon presentation of competent and substantial evidence, and correct any error in applying the Fire Rescue Assessment apportionment method to any particular parcel of property not otherwise requiring the provision of notice pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Any such correction shall be considered valid ab initio and shall in no way affect the enforcement of the Fire Rescue Assessment imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance. All requests from affected property owners for any such changes, modifications or corrections shall be referred to, and processed by, the City Manager and not the Property Appraiser or Tax Collector.

(D) After the Assessment Roll has been delivered to the Tax Collector in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, any changes, modifications, or corrections thereto shall be made in accordance with the procedures applicable to correcting errors and insolvencies on the Tax Roll upon timely written request and direction of the City Manager.

**SECTION 2.13. INTERIM ASSESSMENTS.** An interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall be imposed against all property for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued after adoption of the Annual Rate Resolution. The amount of the interim Fire

Rescue Assessment shall be calculated upon a monthly rate, which shall be one-twelfth of the annual rate for such property computed in accordance with the Annual Rate Resolution for the Fiscal Year in which the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Such monthly rate shall be imposed for each full calendar month remaining in the Fiscal Year. In addition to the monthly rate, the interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall also include an estimate of the subsequent Fiscal Year's Fire Rescue Assessment. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until full payment of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment is received by the City. Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy by mistake or inadvertence, and without the payment in full of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment, shall not relieve the Owner of such property of the obligation of full payment. For the purpose of this provision, such interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall be deemed due and payable on the date the Certificate of Occupancy was issued and shall constitute a lien against such property as of that date. Said lien shall be equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and special assessments, and superior in rank and dignity to all other liens, encumbrances, titles and claims in and to or against the real property involved and shall be deemed perfected upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **COLLECTION AND USE OF FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS**

#### **SECTION 3.01. METHOD OF COLLECTION.**

(A) Unless otherwise directed by the City Commission, the Fire Rescue Assessments shall be collected pursuant to the uniform method provided in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and the City shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Any hearing or notice required by this Ordinance may be combined with any other hearing or notice required by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act.

(B) The amount of a Fire Rescue Assessment to be collected using the uniform method pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act for any specific parcel of benefitted property may include an amount equivalent to the payment delinquency, delinquency fees and recording costs for a prior year's assessment for a comparable service, facility, or program provided, (1) the collection method used in connection with the prior year's assessment did not employ the use of the uniform method of collection authorized by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, (2) notice is provided to the Owner as required under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and (3) any lien on the affected parcel for the prior year's assessment is supplanted and transferred to such Fire Rescue Assessment upon certification of a non-ad valorem roll to the Tax Collector by the City.

**SECTION 3.02. ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF COLLECTION.** In lieu of utilizing the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, the City may elect to collect the Fire

Rescue Assessments by any other method which is authorized by law or under the alternative collection method provided by this Section:

(A) The City shall provide Fire Rescue Assessment bills by first class mail to the Owner of each affected parcel of property, other than Government Property. The bill or accompanying explanatory material shall include (1) a brief explanation of the Fire Rescue Assessment, (2) a description of the unit of measurement used to determine the amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment, (3) the number of units contained within the parcel, (4) the total amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment imposed against the parcel for the appropriate period, (5) the location at which payment will be accepted, (6) the date on which the Fire Rescue Assessment is due, and (7) a statement that the Fire Rescue Assessment constitutes a lien against assessed property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments.

(B) A general notice of the lien resulting from imposition of the Fire Rescue Assessments shall be recorded in the Official Records of the County. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that individual liens or releases be filed in the Official Records.

(C) The City shall have the right to foreclose and collect all delinquent Fire Rescue Assessments in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real property or appoint or retain an agent to institute such foreclosure and collection proceedings. A Fire Rescue Assessment shall become delinquent if it is not paid within 30 days from the date any installment is due. The City or its agent shall notify any

property owner who is delinquent in payment of his or her Fire Rescue Assessment within 60 days from the date such assessment was due. Such notice shall state in effect that the City or its agent will either (1) initiate a foreclosure action or suit in equity and cause the foreclosure of such property subject to a delinquent Fire Rescue Assessment in a method now or hereafter provided by law for foreclosure of mortgages on real property, or (2) cause an amount equivalent to the delinquent Fire Rescue Assessment, not previously subject to collection using the uniform method under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, to be collected on the tax bill for a subsequent year.

(D) All costs, fees and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and title search expenses, related to any foreclosure action as described herein shall be included in any judgment or decree rendered therein. At the sale pursuant to decree in any such action, the City may be the purchaser to the same extent as any Person. The City or its agent may join in one foreclosure action the collection of Fire Rescue Assessments against any or all property assessed in accordance with the provisions hereof. All delinquent Owners whose property is foreclosed shall be liable for an apportioned amount of reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the City and its agents, including reasonable attorney fees, in collection of such delinquent Fire Rescue Assessments and any other costs incurred by the City as a result of such delinquent Fire Rescue Assessments and the same shall be collectible as a part of or in addition to, the costs of the action.

(E) In lieu of foreclosure, any delinquent Fire Rescue Assessment and the costs, fees and expenses attributable thereto, may be collected pursuant to the Uniform

Assessment Collection Act; provided however, that (1) notice is provided to the Owner in the manner required by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and this Ordinance, and (2) any existing lien of record on the affected parcel for the delinquent Fire Rescue Assessment is supplanted by the lien resulting from certification of the Assessment Roll, as applicable, to the Tax Collector.

(F) Notwithstanding the City's use of an alternative method of collection, the City Manager shall have the same power and authority to correct errors and omissions as provided to him or county officials in Section 2.12 hereof.

(G) Any City Commission action required in the collection of Fire Rescue Assessments may be by resolution.

### **SECTION 3.03. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**

(A) If Fire Rescue Assessments are imposed against Government Property, the City shall provide Fire Rescue Assessment bills by first class mail to the Owner of each affected parcel of Government Property. The bill or accompanying explanatory material shall include (1) a brief explanation of the Fire Rescue Assessment, (2) a description of the unit of measurement used to determine the amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment, (3) the number of units contained within the parcel, (4) the total amount of the parcel's Fire Rescue Assessment for the appropriate period, (5) the location at which payment will be accepted, and (6) the date on which the Fire Rescue Assessment is due.

(B) Fire Rescue Assessments imposed against Government Property shall be due on the same date as all other Fire Rescue Assessments and, if applicable, shall be subject to the same discounts for early payment.

(C) A Fire Rescue Assessment shall become delinquent if it is not paid within 30 days from the date any installment is due. The City shall notify the Owner of any Government Property that is delinquent in payment of its Fire Rescue Assessment within 60 days from the date such assessment was due. Such notice shall state that the City will initiate a mandamus or other appropriate judicial action to compel payment.

(D) All costs, fees and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and title search expenses, related to any mandamus or other action as described herein shall be included in any judgment or decree rendered therein. All delinquent Owners of Government Property against which a mandamus or other appropriate action is filed shall be liable for an apportioned amount of reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the City, including reasonable attorney fees, in collection of such delinquent Fire Rescue Assessments and any other costs incurred by the City as a result of such delinquent Fire Rescue Assessments and the same shall be collectible as a part of or in addition to, the costs of the action.

(E) As an alternative to the foregoing, a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed against Government Property may be collected as a surcharge on a utility bill provided to such Government Property in periodic installments with a remedy of a mandamus action in the event of non-payment. The City Commission may contract for such billing services with any utility, whether or not such utility is owned by the City.



## **ARTICLE IV**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 4.01. APPLICABILITY.** This Ordinance and the City's authority to impose assessments pursuant hereto shall be applicable throughout the City.

**SECTION 4.02. ALTERNATIVE METHOD.**

(A) This Ordinance shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing or which may hereafter come into existence. This Ordinance, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the City, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

(B) Nothing herein shall preclude the City Commission from directing and authorizing, by resolution, the combination with each other of (1) any supplemental or additional notice deemed proper, necessary, or convenient by the City, (2) any notice required by this Ordinance, or (3) any notice required by law, including the Uniform Assessment Collection Act.

**SECTION 4.03. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 4.04. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

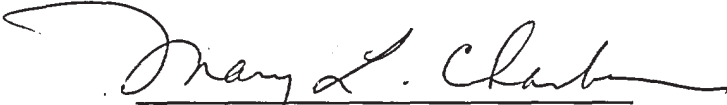
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PASSED SECOND READING this 25th day of June, 1996.



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WILLIAM F. GRIFFIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MARY L. CHAMBERS  
CITY CLERK

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**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA**

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**FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE**

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**FIRST READING JUNE 18, 1996**

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION JUNE 25, 1996**

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**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH**  
**Broward County, Florida**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH  
RELATING TO ORDINANCE NO. 96-76, THE FIRE RESCUE  
ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2.12,  
"CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS," AND 2.13,  
"INTERIM ASSESSMENTS;" AMENDING THE  
DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law, ten (10) days' notice has been given by publication in a paper of general circulation in the City, notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a public hearing in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Pompano Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing before the City Commission was held pursuant to the published notice described above, at which hearing the parties in interest and all other citizens so desiring had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard; now, therefore,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** The capitalized terms used in this ordinance shall have the meanings provided in Ordinance 96-76 unless specifically indicated otherwise.

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

(A) This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Article VIII, section 2(b), Florida Constitution; sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, Ordinance No. 96-76, and all other applicable provisions of law.

(B) On June 25, 1996, the City Commission duly enacted Ordinance 96-76, commonly referred to as the Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance. Ordinance 96-76

authorized the City to impose annual special assessments on specially benefitted properties for fire rescue services within the City.

(C) Ordinance 96-76, Section 2.12, subparagraph (B) further authorized the City Commission to impose special assessments on properties that were omitted from the Assessment Roll or were not listed on the Tax Roll as of the effective date of the Assessment Roll. In addition, Ordinance 96-76, Section 2.12, subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) recognize the authority of the City Commission to correct any other errors on the Assessment Roll, including incorrect assessment amounts. The City Commission desires to amend and clarify that Ordinance 97-76, Section 2.12, subparagraph (B) also authorizes the City Commission to impose and collect a corrected special assessment, with proper notice and hearing, on benefitted properties that have been previously assessed an incorrect amount on the Assessment Roll.

(D) Ordinance 96-76, Section 2.13, authorizes the City Commission to impose interim Fire Rescue Assessments on all specially benefitted property in the City for which a Certificate of Occupancy was issued after the adoption of the Annual Rate Resolution. The City Commission declares that it is within the reasonable exercise of its discretion whether to collect such an interim assessment at the time a Certificate of Occupancy is issued or whether to collect the interim Fire Rescue Assessment at the time a Building Permit is issued. Accordingly, the City Commission wishes to clarify that, with proper notice, it has the authority to collect the interim Fire Rescue Assessment at either of these times.

### SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF DEFINITIONS.

(A) The City Commission hereby amends Section 1.01 of Ordinance 96-76 by adding the following definition for "Building Permit":

"Building Permit" means an official document or certificate issued by the City, under the authority of ordinance or law, authorizing the construction or siting of any Building within the City. The term "Building Permit" shall also include set up or tie down permits, or their functional equivalent, for those structures or Buildings, such as a mobile home, that do not require a Building Permit in order to be constructed.

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(B) The City Commission hereby amends Section 1.01 of Ordinance 96-76, by adding the following definition for "Building Department":

"Building Department" means the administrative office of the City designated by the City Commission to collect interim Fire Rescue Assessments, or such office's designee.

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**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.12.** The City Commission hereby amends Section 2.12 of Ordinance 96-76 in the following manner:

#### **SECTION 2.12. CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS.**

(A) No act of error or omission on the part of the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, City Manager, City Commission, or their deputies or employees, shall operate to release or discharge any obligation for payment of a Fire Rescue Assessment imposed by the City Commission under the provision of this Ordinance.

(B) When it shall appear that any Fire Rescue Assessment should have been imposed under this Ordinance against a parcel of property specially benefited by the provision



of fire rescue services, facilities, or programs, but that such property was omitted from the Assessment Roll; or such property was erroneously assessed; or was not listed on the Tax Roll as an individual parcel of property as of the effective date of the Assessment Roll approved by the Annual Rate Resolution for any upcoming Fiscal Year, the City Commission may, upon provision of a notice by mail provided to the Owner of the omitted or erroneously assessed parcel in the manner and form provided in Section 2.05, impose the applicable Fire Rescue Assessment for the Fiscal Year in which such error or omission is discovered, in addition to the applicable Fire Rescue Assessment due for the prior two Fiscal Years. Such Fire Rescue Assessment shall constitute a lien against Assessed Property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district, or municipal taxes and special assessments, and superior in rank and dignity to all other prior liens, mortgages, titles, and claims in and to or against the real property involved, shall be collected as provided in Article III hereof, and shall be deemed perfected on the date of adoption of the resolution imposing the omitted, or delinquent, or corrected assessments.

(C) Prior to the delivery of the Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, the City Manager shall have the authority at any time, upon his or her own initiative or in response to a timely filed petition from the Owner of any property subject to a Fire Rescue Assessment, to reclassify property based upon presentation of competent and substantial evidence, and correct any error in applying the Fire Rescue Assessment apportionment method to any particular parcel of property not otherwise requiring the provision of notice pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Any such correction shall be considered valid ab initio and shall in no way affect the enforcement of the Fire Rescue Assessment imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance. All requests from affected property owners for any such changes, modifications or corrections shall be referred to, and processed by, the City Manager and not the Property Appraiser or Tax Collector.

(D) After the Assessment Roll has been delivered to the Tax Collector in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, any changes, modifications, or corrections

thereto shall be made in accordance with the procedures applicable to correcting errors and insolvencies on the Tax Roll upon timely written request and direction of the City Manager.

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**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.13.** The City Commission hereby amends Section 2.13 of Ordinance 96-76 in the following manner:

**SECTION 2.13. INTERIM ASSESSMENTS.**

(A) An interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall be imposed against all property for which a Certificate of Occupancy (or Building Permit, as determined by the City Commission) is issued after adoption of the Annual Rate Resolution. The amount of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall be calculated upon a monthly rate, which shall be one-twelfth of the annual rate for such property computed in accordance with the Annual Rate Resolution for the Fiscal Year ~~in which the Certificate of Occupancy is issued~~ for which the interim Fire Rescue Assessment is being imposed. Such monthly rate shall be imposed for each full calendar month remaining in the Fiscal Year. In addition to the monthly rate, the interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall also include an estimate of the subsequent Fiscal Year's Fire Rescue Assessment. ~~No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until full payment of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment is received by the City.~~ Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (or Building Permit, as determined by the City Commission) by mistake or inadvertence, and without the payment in full of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment, shall not relieve the Owner of such property of the obligation of full payment. For the purpose of this provision, such interim Fire Rescue Assessment shall be deemed due and payable on the date the Certificate of Occupancy (or Building Permit, as determined by the City Commission) was issued and shall constitute a lien against such property as of that date. Said lien shall be equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and special assessments, and superior in rank and dignity to all other liens, encumbrances, titles and claims in and to or against the real property involved and shall be deemed perfected upon the

issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (or Building Permit, as determined by the City Commission). Any interim Fire Rescue Assessment not collected prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (or Building Permit, as determined by the City Commission) may be collected pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act as provided in Section 3.01 of this Ordinance, under the alternative collection method provided in Section 3.02 or by any other method authorized by law.

(B) In the event the City Commission chooses to collect the interim Fire Rescue Assessment at the time a Building Permit is issued, the following procedure shall apply:

(1) In the event a Building Permit expires prior to completion of the Building for which it was issued, and the applicant paid the interim Fire Rescue Assessment at the time the Building Permit was issued, the applicant may within 90 days of the expiration of the Building Permit apply for a refund of the interim Fire Rescue Assessment. Failure to timely apply for a refund of the Fire Rescue Assessment shall waive any right to a refund.

(2) The application for refund shall be filed with the City's Building Department and shall contain the following:

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) The location of the property and the tax parcel identification number for the property which was the subject of the Building Permit;

(c) The date the Fire Rescue Assessment was paid;



(d) A copy of the receipt of payment for the Fire Rescue Assessment; and

(e) The date the Building Permit was issued and the date of expiration.

(3) After verifying that the Building Permit has expired and that the Building has not been completed, the City's Building Department shall refund the interim Fire Rescue Assessment paid for such Building.

(4) A Building Permit which is subsequently issued for a Building on the same property which was the subject of a refund shall pay the interim Fire Rescue Assessment as required by this Section 2.13.

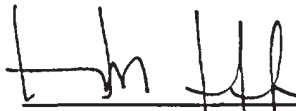
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**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable; and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED FIRST READING** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2000.

PASSED SECOND READING this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2000.



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WILLIAM F. GRIFFIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MARY L. CHAMBERS  
CITY CLERK