
RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 01

MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**Changing of the Methodology for Establishing the Average Annual Growth
Rate in Florida's Personal Income over the Previous Five Years for
Increasing Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessments**

ADOPTED: April 8, 2015

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; CHANGING THE METHODOLOGY FOR ESTABLISHING THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IN FLORIDA PERSONAL INCOME OVER THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS FOR INCREASING NON-AD VALOREM FIRE ASSESSMENT CHARGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR 2015 TAX YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southern Manatee Fire Control District (“District”) is a tax-supported special purpose district authorized under the provisions of Chapter 189 and 191, Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.) and Chapter 2000-402, Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to general law and its enabling legislation, the District is authorized to levy non-ad valorem fire assessments within the District’s jurisdictional bounds; and

WHEREAS, Section 191.009(2), Fla. Stat., provides that non-ad valorem assessment rates set by the District’s Board of Fire Commissioners may exceed the maximum rates established by the previous year’s resolution, in an amount not to exceed the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, when increasing the non-ad valorem fire assessment rate, the District has historically used information provided by the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic & Demographic Research to establish the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years can also be calculated using data provided by the United States Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Economic Analysis (“BEA”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Fire Commissioners has evaluated the methodology of using the BEA data to determine the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Fire Commissioners has considered that other local governments and special districts throughout the State of Florida establish the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years using the data provided by the BEA and find that the methodology of using the BEA data is legitimate for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Fire Commissioners finds that there is a public purpose and it is in the public’s best interest to establish the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years using the data provided by the BEA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District, Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The above stated recitals are true and correct and are hereby fully incorporated herein.
2. For the purpose of determining increases in non-ad valorem fire assessments charges within the District for the 2015 tax year, the District shall establish the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years using the data provided by the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis.
3. The District may evaluate and assess this methodology for establishing the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years on an annual basis and make future adjustments if necessary.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public meeting this 8th day of April, 2015.

SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Melanie A. Marken
Secretary

Charles A. Durant, Chair

Dan Center, Vice Chair

Anthony C. Evans, Treasurer

Jim Cena, Commissioner