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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 04**

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**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**FY2024 - 2025 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE  
FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

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**ADOPTED: September 5, 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 04**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the **Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District** of Manatee County, Florida (“District”) is an independent special purpose taxing district authorized under Florida Law to levy annually an ad valorem tax against the taxable real estate within the District to provide funds for the purposes of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law, including Chapter 200, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 200.065, F.S., sets forth the requirements for fixing millage, levying ad valorem tax, and noticing a public hearing on the adoption of a millage rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District, on September 5, 2024, conducted a duly noticed public meeting and hearing to consider the adoption of a tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District adopted a Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 tentative millage rate following the above-referenced public hearing held pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 200.065, F.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Manatee County has been certified by the Manatee County Property Appraiser to the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District as \$8,359,843,742.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.
2. The Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 tentative operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District is 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.1104 mills by 8.62%.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a duly noticed virtual public meeting and hearing this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

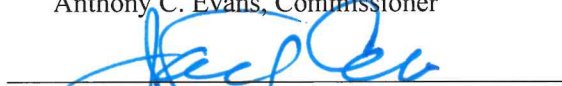
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Absent  
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Jim Grote  
Secretary/Vice-Chair/Treasurer

  
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Melanie Marken, Chairperson

  
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Daniel Center, Commissioner

Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony C. Evans, Commissioner

  
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Jim Cena, Commissioner

APPENDIX A

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

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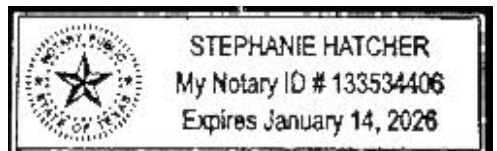
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Handwritten signature of Crystal Trunick

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of September in the year of 2024

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
2024 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments Hearing
Tentative 2024 Millage Rate Hearing
Tentative 2024-2025 FY Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard the District will conduct three (3) public hearings on the following: (1) the District's adoption of the 2024 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; (2) the District's adoption of the 2024 Tentative Millage Rate; and (3) the District's 2024/25 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained at the offices of the District (2451 Trailmate Dr, Sarasota FL, 34342) during normal business hours or accessed on the District's website, www.smfr.com.

The meeting/hearings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for independent special taxing districts.

The purpose of the first public hearing will be for the District's Board of Fire Commissioners to hear testimony and evidence relating to the District's adoption of the 2024 Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and to certify an assessment roll. Immediately following the first public hearing, the District will consider the second public hearing to consider the 2024 Tentative Millage Rate. Immediately following the 2024 Tentative Millage Rate Hearing, the Board of Fire Commissioners will hold the third public hearing to hear testimony and evidence relating to the District's adoption of 2024/25 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearings either in person or by agent or submit their appeal in writing prior to the date of the public hearing(s).

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meeting. If any person desires to appeal any decision of the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District Board of Commissioners, that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (F.S. 286.0105).

The Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability status in employment or in the provision of services. Disabled individuals may receive special accommodation in services on one working days' notice by calling Executive Mgmt. Assist. Janee Ferguson at 941-751-7675 (F.S. 286.011 (6)).

Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Board of Fire Commissioner
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Aug 31 2024