

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013; IMPOSING A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, enacted Ordinance No. 2008-05, on July 1, 2008, which authorized the imposition of a Solid Waste Collection Assessment, pursuant to the procedures contained within the Town's Code of Ordinances (collectively, "the Ordinance") for the provision of Solid Waste Collection Services for single-family residential properties that receive residential solid waste collection services within the Town, and provided for findings of special benefit and the method of apportionment of the Solid Waste Collection Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Solid Waste Collection Services for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Solid Waste Collection Assessed Costs among parcels of Assessed Property; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to impose a Solid Waste Collection Assessment within the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012 using the tax bill collection method; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, on July 17, 2012, adopted Resolution No. 2012-07 (the "2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution"), referencing the Solid Waste Collection Services to be provided to Assessed Property, describing the method of apportioning the Solid Waste Collection Assessed Cost to compute the Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Solid Waste Collection Services against Assessed Property, estimating a rate of assessment, and directing the preparation of the Assessment Roll and provision of the notice to the affected landowners; and

WHEREAS, in order to impose the Solid Waste Collection Special Assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012, the Ordinance requires the Town Council to adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption process for each Fiscal Year, which establishes the rate of assessment and approves the Assessment Roll for the upcoming Fiscal Year, with such amendments as the Town Council deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing has been provided as required by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 13, 2012, and comments and objections of all interested parties have been heard and considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The aforementioned "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance, the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION. This Resolution constitutes the Annual Assessment Resolution as defined in the Ordinance. All capitalized terms in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Ordinance and the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 4. IMPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT.

(A) The parcels of Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll, as updated and which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefitted by the provision of the Solid Waste Collection Services described in the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, in the amount of the Solid Waste Collection 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 Town will be specifically benefitted by the Town's provision of Solid Waste Collection, facilities and programs in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Collection Assessment of such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution. Adoption of this Annual Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all assessed parcels derive a special benefit, as set forth in the Ordinance and the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, from the Solid Waste Collection Services to be provided, and a legislative determination that the Solid Waste Collection Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution.

(B) The method of computing the Solid Waste Collection Assessment described in the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution, as modified, amended, and supplemented herein, is hereby approved.

(C) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012, the estimated Solid Waste Collection Assessed Cost to be assessed is \$346,361.40. The Solid Waste Collection Assessment to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Solid Waste Collection Assessed Costs for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, commencing October 1, 2012, is hereby established at \$274.89 annually, per residential unit. This assessment rate is hereby approved, and the 2012 Preliminary Assessment Resolution is amended herein. It is hereby determined that the assessed properties will receive a benefit from solid waste collection services in an amount not less than the amount they are assessed. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Solid Waste Collection Assessment for Solid Waste Collection Services 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 the Assessment Roll.

(D) The Solid Waste Collection Assessment 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 Assessment. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims, until paid.

(E) The Assessment Roll as herein approved, together with the correction of any errors or omissions as provided for in the Ordinance, shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection using the tax bill collection method in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION. The Preliminary Assessment Resolution adopted July 17, 2012, as amended hereby, is confirmed.

SECTION 6. EFFECT ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Annual 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 rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Solid Waste Collection Assessment), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 calendar days from the date of this Annual Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affecting the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

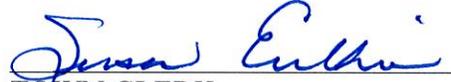
SECTION 8. CONFLICTS. That all prior Resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Annual Assessment Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, Florida, this 13th day of September, 2012.

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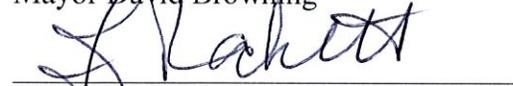

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


Office of the Town Attorney

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA

Absent
Mayor David Browning


Vice Mayor Jim Rockett


Council Member


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