

# CITY OF GREENACRES

Council Agenda Memorandum  
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Andrea McCue, City Manager

RE: **Resolution No. 2016-26** – Fire Assessment for FY 2017

DATE: July 12, 2016

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## **Background:**

In 2015, the City Council was presented with information concerning imposing a City-wide non-ad valorem special tax assessment to fund fire protection services with the City. The Council directed staff to initiate Requests for Proposals to select a professional consulting firm to develop and implement a Fire Protection Assessment Program.

On February 1 2016, the Fire Assessment Study was awarded to Government Services Group, Inc.(GSG) and on June 2, 2016, the firm presented its findings. The City Council then directed Staff to proceed with implementation of the Fire Protection Assessment Program, and Ordinance No. 2016-21 was adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2016 to implement the program.

## **Analysis:**

Government Services Group used a Historical Demand Methodology to determine the City's Fire Assessment Fee. Data components used for the methodology were service delivery, fire flow availability and the benefit area. They also reviewed the Fire Rescue budget to determine fire related costs and reviewed the call data for one year to determine areas of demand.

On June 2, 2016, various rate scenarios were presented to the Council for consideration. At the meeting of June 20, 2016, Council directed Staff to work with GSG to calculate the fees based on a single family home rate of \$60.00. Using the single family rate, the additional rates would be as follows:

<u>Property Use Categories</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>Residential:</u>	
Single-Family	\$60/Dwelling Unit
Multi-Family	\$38/Dwelling Unit

Non-Residential:

Commercial	\$.12/Square Foot
Industrial/Warehouse	\$.02/Square Foot
Institutional	\$.10/Square Foot

This represents 33.50% of the five-year average assessable budget amount.

**Financial:**

The total estimated net revenues would be \$1,009,088.

**Legal:**

The Resolution has been prepared in accordance with City Codes and Florida Statutes.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-26 to set the initial fire protection assessment rate.

/s/ *Andrea McCue*

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