NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Umatilla will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire services special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the municipal boundaries of the City of Umatilla.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2026, in City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact Jessica Burnham, City Clerk at (352) 669-3125, at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment of each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire services assessment schedules:

FY 2026-27 Preliminary Fire Services Assessment Rates

Residential Property Use Categories	Rate Per Dwelling Unit
Residential	$362.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories	**Rate Per Square Foot No Square Foot Cap**
Commercial	$0.18
Industrial/Warehouse	$0.02
Institutional	$2.28
Church	$0.10
Nursing Home	$3.44
Vacant Land Property Use Category	**Rate Per Parcel**
Vacant Land	$25.00

Copies of the Fire Services Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, located at 1 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida.

The fire service non-ad valorem assessment will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the City at (352) 669-3125 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

