
CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA

**STORMWATER ASSESSMENT
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-072

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RESOLUTION No. 2024-072

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COCOA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO STORMWATER SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 10-2019 WITHIN THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE CITY TO FUND STORMWATER SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; ESTABLISHING STORMWATER ASSESSMENT RATES FOR CITY FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1.01. AUTHORITY. This Resolution of the City of Cocoa, Florida is adopted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 10-2019, Sections 166.021, 166.041, 197.3632, and 403.0893, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 1.02. DEFINITIONS. This Resolution constitutes the Preliminary Assessment Resolution as defined in the Assessment Ordinance. All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Assessment Ordinance. As used in this Resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context hereof otherwise requires.

“Assessed Property” means all Parcels of land included on the Assessment Roll that receive a special benefit from the delivery of the stormwater services, programs or facilities identified or contemplated in this Resolution and included in the Assessment Roll.

“Assessment Study” means the City of Cocoa Stormwater Rate Study – Final Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., dated August 26, 2019, as updated by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. on August 20, 2020, as updated by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. on August 10, 2021, August 9, 2022 and as updated by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in August 22, 2023.

“Assessment Ordinance” means City Ordinance No. 10-2019, as may be amended from time to time, or its successor in function.

“City” means the City of Cocoa, Florida.

“City Clerk” means the clerk of the City Council.

“City Manager” means the chief administrative officer of the City, designated by the City Council to be responsible for coordinating Stormwater Assessments or such person’s designee.

“City Council” means the governing body of the City of Cocoa, Florida.

“Fiscal Year” means the period commencing on October 1 of each year and continuing through the next succeeding September 30, or such other period as may be prescribed by law as the fiscal year for the City.

“Tax Parcel” or “Parcel” means a parcel of property to which the Brevard County Property Appraiser has assigned a distinct ad valorem property tax identification number.

“Tax Roll” means the real property ad valorem tax roll maintained by the Property Appraiser for the purpose of the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

“Uniform Assessment Collection Act” means Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes authorizing the collection of non-ad valorem assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes, and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 1.03. INTERPRETATION. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words importing the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa; the terms “hereof,” “hereby,” “herein,” “hereto,” “hereunder” and similar terms refer to this Resolution; and the term “hereafter” means after, and the term “heretofore” means before, the effective date of this Resolution. Words of any gender include the correlative words of the other gender, unless the sense indicates otherwise.

SECTION 1.04. FINDINGS. In addition, and supplemental to the findings adopted by the City Council in Ordinance No. 10-2019, it is hereby ascertained, determined and declared as follows:

(A) Inadequate management of runoff from development in a watershed increases stormwater peak flows, volumes, and velocities, erodes and/or silts stream

channels, pollutes water, overloads existing drainage facilities, undermines floodplain management in downstream communities, reduces groundwater recharge, and threatens public health and safety. More specifically, stormwater runoff can convey pollutants into and cause higher velocities in receiving waters such as the Indian River Lagoon. The potential impacts of these pollutants and higher velocities include: (1) Changing natural ecosystems through sediment and pollutant deposits which affect the quantity and quality of flowing water, destruction of habitats, and loss of plant and animal life; (2) Posing significant health risks through increased bacteria; (3) Accelerating eutrophication of receiving waters by introducing excessive nutrient loads; (4) Increasing metal deposits creating toxicity for aquatic life; (5) Reducing oxygen levels because of oil, grease and organic matter; and (6) Affecting animal and plant life, adversely, due to changing temperatures of receiving waters.

(B) Uncontrolled stormwater runoff can increase the incidence of flooding and of floods that occur, endangering roads, aboveground and underground utility infrastructure, and other public and private property and human life.

(C) Altered land surfaces can change the rate and volume of runoff. These changes may result in the following: (1) increased urban runoff and pollutants to the natural environment; (2) increased flooding of private property; (3) degradation of safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of the City, including negatively impacting emergency response capabilities as a result of stormwater flooding; (4) decreased use and

enjoyment of property; and (5) decreased property and rental value, marketability, and integrity of property.

(D) Every parcel of real property, both public and private, either uses or benefits from the maintenance of the City's stormwater system; and receives a special benefit from the City's stormwater system including the following: (1) reduced urban runoff and pollutants to the natural environment; (2) reduced flooding of private property; (3) improved safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of the City, including negatively impacting emergency response capabilities as a result of stormwater flooding; (4) enhanced use and enjoyment of property; and (5) enhanced property and rental value, marketability, and integrity of property.

(E) The City Council has carefully considered the Assessment Study which describes an apportionment methodology based upon the benefit received from the City's stormwater services, facilities and programs by all developed parcels with impervious surface, and has considered the applicable court decisions including Sarasota County v. Sarasota Church of Christ, Inc., 667 So. 2d 180 (Fla. 1995) (upholding stormwater special assessment on developed real property with impervious surfaces to fund stormwater utility services); State v. Sarasota County, 693 So. 2d 546 (Fla. 1997)(upholding stormwater special assessment on all developed property, with or without impervious surface); and Boca Raton v. State, 595 So. 2d 25 (Fla. 1992)(local governments are afforded deference in fairly apportioning costs under a special

assessment as long as the amount of the assessment for each tract is not in excess of the proportional benefits as compared to other assessments on other tracts).

(F) The conversion of natural land to developed land with impervious area results in increased stormwater runoff and numerous engineering and hydrologic studies have demonstrated that impervious area is the single most important factor contributing to the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff from a property. Thus, the use of impervious area has been demonstrated to be a simple, easy to understand approach that is a highly defensible basis to fairly and equitably apportion the costs of a municipal stormwater system to benefitting parcels for the stormwater assessment.

(G) The City expends substantial and measurable resources each year in providing stormwater services, facilities and programs to the public within the jurisdictional limits of the City.

(H) The City must generate and receive sufficient stormwater revenues to meet projected operating and capital expenditures of the City's stormwater utility, and the City Council has determined based on the recommendations contained in the Assessment Study, that the City should use a non- ad valorem assessment process as the primary method of funding the City's stormwater utility system.

(I) The City is not required to fully fund any given essential service or improvement cost through a special assessment. So long as the application of funds is for a public purpose and funds are legally available, the City may determine to fund all or a

portion of an essential service or improvement, such as stormwater services, facilities or programs, with general fund or other legally available revenues. The determination as to whether to contribute such other legally available revenues, and how much to contribute, lies solely in the discretion of the City Council.

(J) Stated in the alternative, there is no requirement that the City impose an assessment for the maximum amount of the budget which can be funded by special assessments. The City Council may annually determine as a matter of public policy and tax equity to impose Stormwater Assessments at a rate less than necessary to fund all or any specific portion of the Stormwater Assessed Costs. Costs incurred in providing stormwater services, facilities and programs not otherwise funded through Stormwater Service Assessments may be paid with general fund or other legally available revenues. Such legally available revenues as a matter of policy may be applied exclusively to any tier or class of properties, and the City may adjust and appropriate any budget allocation or expense otherwise funded by a special assessment, or in any combination thereof, and maintain the validity of the apportionment. The flexibility described above is implemented through a policy and legislative determination employed through careful adherence to case law, statutory law, and the State Constitution, as well as the exercise of annual budget responsibility, discretion and equity vested in the City Council. However, in no event shall any annual rate of Stormwater Assessment exceed the maximum assessment rate

previously noticed to the affected land owners without further notice and public hearing pursuant to the Assessment Ordinance.

(K) The findings and legislative determinations contained herein are premised upon information, input, analysis and review from City staff, officials and experts, and public comment, as well as careful consideration by the City Council. A combination of the foregoing yields a reasoned apportionment methodology premised upon the distinct tiers or classes of apportionment allocation described herein. The tiers and classes, when used together, provide a legal, flexible and equitable means for the City to fairly and reasonably allocate assessable benefits and costs among Assessed Property in the City.

(L) The apportionment among Tax Parcels of a portion of the City's annual budget for stormwater services, facilities and programs necessary for providing the stormwater protection is hereby determined to be a fair and reasonable means to annually allocate and share the benefits and costs associated therewith.

(M) The benefits derived from the stormwater services, facilities and programs as to each Tax Parcel subject to the Stormwater Assessments equal or exceed the amount of the special assessments levied and imposed hereunder. The Assessment for any Tax Parcel within the City in employing such an approach also does not exceed the proportional benefits that such Tax Parcel will receive compared to any other Tax Parcel so assessed within the City.

(N) The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Stormwater Assessments to be imposed in accordance with this Resolution provide a proper and equitable method of funding stormwater services, facilities and programs by fairly and reasonably allocating a portion of the costs associated therewith among specially benefited property.

ARTICLE II

NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

SECTION 2.01. ESTIMATED STORMWATER ASSESSED COST.

(A) The estimated Stormwater Assessed Cost to be recovered through Stormwater Assessments for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2024, is approximately \$2.3 million. The Stormwater Assessed Cost will be funded through the imposition of Stormwater Assessments, as provided herein.

(B) The City Manager shall utilize the assessment rates associated with the single-family residential Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3, and non-single-family residential Stormwater Assessments as described in this Preliminary Assessment Resolution in the preparation of the Preliminary Assessment Roll as provided in Section 2.02 of this Preliminary Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 2.02. ASSESSMENT ROLL. The City Manager is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a Preliminary Assessment Roll for Stormwater Assessments for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2024, in the manner provided in

Section 2.03 of the Assessment Ordinance. The Assessment Roll shall include all Tax Parcels within the City which are not otherwise exempted from payment of the Stormwater Assessments hereunder. The City Manager shall apportion the estimated Stormwater Assessed Cost to be recovered through Stormwater Assessments in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Assessment Resolution. A copy of this Preliminary Assessment Resolution, the Assessment Study which summarizes information and analysis related to the estimated amount of the Stormwater Assessed Cost to be recovered through the imposition of Stormwater Assessments, and the Preliminary Assessment Roll shall be maintained on file in the office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the Preliminary Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Stormwater Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by the use of a computer terminal or internet access available to the public.

SECTION 2.03. PUBLIC HEARING. There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on August 27, 2024, in City Council Chambers of City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922, at which time the City Council will receive and consider any comments on the Stormwater Assessments from the public and affected property owners and consider imposing Stormwater Assessments and authorizing an alternative manner of collection.

SECTION 2.04. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. The City Manager shall direct the publication of notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 2.03 hereof in the manner and time provided by the Assessment Ordinance. The notice shall be published no later than twenty days before the hearing which is on or about August 7, 2024, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A. The City Council acknowledges that this notice was published by the City Manager prior to the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 2.05. NOTICE BY MAIL, IF NECESSARY. To the extent that the City Manager determines that the mailing of notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 2.03 is required for certain Assessed Property, in the manner and time provided by the Assessment Ordinance, the notice shall be mailed no later than twenty days (August 7, 2024) before the hearing, in substantially the form provided in Appendix B of this Resolution. The City Council acknowledges that this notice was published by the City Manager prior to the adoption of this Resolution.

ARTICLE III

ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 3.01. STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS TO BE IMPOSED THROUGHOUT CITY. Stormwater Assessments are to be imposed throughout the entire area contained within the boundaries of the City in accordance with the

Assessment Ordinance and the Final Assessment Resolution to be adopted by the City Council at the public hearing to be held pursuant to this Article III.

SECTION 3.02. IMPOSITION OF ASSESSMENTS. Stormwater Assessments shall be imposed against property located within the City, the annual amount of which shall be computed for each Tax Parcel in accordance with this Article III. When imposed, the Stormwater Assessment for each Fiscal Year shall constitute a lien upon Assessed Property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments until paid, as provided in the Assessment Ordinance and in accordance with Florida law.

SECTION 3.03. APPORTIONMENT.

(A) The Assessment Study is hereby ratified and incorporated herein in its entirety. The apportionment method set forth therein is hereby ratified as the apportionment method for the Stormwater Assessments authorized by this Resolution. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Preliminary Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year 2025 based on the following rate schedule:

FY 2025 Assessment Rates for Single Family Parcels (up to three units)			FY 2025 Assessment Rate for Non-Single-Family Parcels
Tier 1: 400 – 2,300 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 2: 2,400 – 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 3: Greater than 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area	
\$90.87	\$139.78	\$243.23	\$139.78 Per ERU

Note that parcels with less than 400 sq. ft. will not be assessed as the impact upon the City's stormwater system is di minimus. The amount of the annual stormwater assessment imposed against each property is based on an impervious area apportionment method whereby a portion of the City's annual stormwater budget is allocated to properties based upon the total impervious area of each individual parcel. For single family residential parcels (including up to three dwelling units), parcels will be placed into one of three tiers mentioned herein based on the amount of impervious area measured on the individual parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. Tier 1 ranges from 400 - 2,300 sq. ft., Tier 2 ranges from 2,400 - 4,400 sq. ft., and Tier 3 is greater than 4,400 sq. ft. The assessment for each tier is presented in the table above. For non-single-family parcels, each parcel is assigned a number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) that is calculated based on the measured amount of impervious area on the parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. divided by the ERU definition of 3,100 sq. ft. (which is the average impervious area of a single-family parcel). The annual fee assessed to each parcel is then determined by multiplying \$139.78 (as presented in the table above), which represents the stormwater assessment per ERU, by the number of ERUs for each non-single-family parcel.

(B) Based upon the projections concerning net revenue requirements set forth in the Assessment Study, the Assessment Roll for subsequent Fiscal Years may reflect increases in the assessment rates up to and including the maximum rates presented in the rate schedule in Section 3.03.(A). More specifically, the annual assessment will be increased by 2.0% in Fiscal Year 2025 and 4.0% each year thereafter that the assessment

is levied up to a maximum assessment rate of \$102.09 for Tier 1, \$157.06 for Tier 2, \$273.29 for Tier 3 and \$157.06 per ERU, and a maximum assessment rate of \$157.06 per ERU for non-single-family parcels that are not subject to the tiered assessment.

(C) The amount of the annual Stormwater Assessment imposed against Assessed Property may include a pro rata share of the costs and expenses associated with the collection and administration of the Stormwater Assessments each year.

(D) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the method of determining the Stormwater Assessments as set forth in this Preliminary Assessment Resolution is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Stormwater Assessed Cost among Assessed Property.

SECTION 3.04. APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS. Proceeds derived by the City from the Stormwater Assessments shall be utilized for the provision of stormwater services, facilities and programs. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and thereafter used only to fund stormwater related services, facilities, and programs.

SECTION 3.05. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS. Stormwater Assessments for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year shall be collected pursuant to the direct billing method provided for in the Assessment Ordinance, and each year thereafter pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act as provided for in the Assessment Ordinance, unless otherwise determined by the City Council.

SECTION 3.06. EXEMPTION.

(A) Tax Parcels assigned the following Florida Department of Revenue property use codes (DOR codes) by the Property Appraiser are not subject to the Stormwater Assessment contemplated hereunder; provided, however, that the costs associated with the exemption of such Tax Parcels shall be funded through other legally available revenues of the City and not through Stormwater Assessments imposed hereunder.

DOR Code	DOR Description	Parcel Count
465	CONDOMINIUM - MISCELLANEOUS (NOT COVERED	59
499	NON-TAXABLE CONDOMINIUM COMMON AREA	60
8010	SCHOOL (PUBLICLY OWNED) - VACANT	1
8020	COUNTY OWNED LAND - VACANT (THAT DOES	5
8040	HOUSING AUTHORITY - VACANT	13
8060	STATE OWNED LAND - VACANT (THAT DOES NOT	15
8080	MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND - VACANT (THAT	78
8300	SCHOOL (PUBLICLY OWNED) - IMPROVED	7
8400	COLLEGE	1
8610	COUNTY OWNED LAND - IMPROVED (THAT DOES	6
8640	BREVARD COUNTY-OWNED (AGENCY OTHER THAN	1
8660	HOUSING AUTHORITY - IMPROVED	37
8710	STATE OWNED LAND - IMPROVED (THAT DOES	4
8810	FEDERALLY OWNED LAND - IMPROVED (THAT	1
8910	MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND - IMPROVED (THAT	33
9105	LOCALLY-ASSESSED RAILROAD PROPERTY	14
9170	WATER & SEWER SERVICE	3
9400	RIGHT OF WAY STREET, ROAD, ETC - PUBLIC	-
9410	RIGHT OF WAY STREET, ROAD, ETC - PRIVATE	1
9499	ASSESSMENT ARREARS	-
9500	RIVERS AND LAKES	1
9510	SUBMERGED LANDS	2

In addition, the following are exempt from the stormwater assessments: (i) cemeteries; and (ii) parcels that are undeveloped land with no impervious surface, but only for the

portion of the parcels that are undeveloped as those portions do not receive material benefit from City stormwater services, facilities and programs. However, one parcel with a 9105 land use code will be assessed because of impervious surface related to a building on the parcel.

(B) Tax Parcel classifications indicative of special designations used by the Property Appraiser for recordkeeping purposes which do not represent actual or assessable Tax Parcels are not subject to the Stormwater Assessments contemplated hereunder (e.g. header records).

(C) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the City Council reserves the right and ability in the future to impose Stormwater Assessments against Tax Parcels determined to be exempt hereunder to the extent permitted by law or otherwise in the event required or directed to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 3.07 CREDITS.

(A) Parcels that engage in onsite stormwater management may receive a credit on their Stormwater Assessment in order to recognize the benefit of the activity to reduce the volume of stormwater leaving the properties, or enhance the quality of the runoff, thereby, reducing the burden on the City's stormwater system. The intent and purpose of the credit is to maintain equity for property owners with onsite stormwater management because such property owners have invested in measures to reduce

stormwater runoff from their property and therefore reducing the effort required by the City to manage their stormwater runoff.

(B) In order for a property owner to obtain a credit, the property owner must demonstrate a specified reduction of stormwater to the City's stormwater system from the property by providing onsite attenuation for a minimum storm event required by the St. Johns River Water Management District, pursuant to applicable law.

(C) Application and eligibility requirements to obtain a credit shall be determined by written administrative policy approved by the City Manager, provided such policy shall be consistent and not in conflict with this Resolution, and supported by a written technical memorandum prepared by the City's stormwater assessment consultant evidencing a fair and equitable method of determining the applicable credit.

ARTICLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 4.01. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4.02. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4.03. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2024.

**CITY COUNCIL OF
COCOA, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Michael C. Blake, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Monica Arsenault, City Clerk

Appendix A

To Be Published on or before August 07, 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ADOPT NON-AD VALOREM STORMWATER ASSESSMENT RATES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting updated Stormwater Assessment non-ad valorem assessment rates, to pay a portion of annual stormwater costs related to the provision of Stormwater services, facilities and programs to properties within the City pursuant to Ordinance 10-2019 previously adopted by the City Council in 2019. The proposed updated rates will not exceed the maximum ERU previously adopted by the City Council. The City Council may continue hearings on the matter and the date and time for continuance shall be announced at the public hearing without further written notice of the continued hearing to the public. The decision on whether to impose the assessment will be made either at this public hearing at the time and date listed below or at a continuance of the public hearing to be held, if necessary. Note: The proposed assessment, if adopted, will replace the current Stormwater Assessment and will not be in addition to the current Stormwater Assessment.

The public hearing will be held on August 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM or soon thereafter, at the Council Chambers, 65 Stone St., Cocoa, FL 32922, for the purpose of considering approval of the Preliminary and Final Assessment Resolutions and receiving public comment on the proposed assessment. The final decision on the assessment will be made by the City Council during the public hearings. If necessary, the City Council may continue the public hearings and the date and time for continuance shall be announced at the public hearing without further written notice of the continued hearing to the public. All affected property owners have a right to attend and speak at

the hearing and to file written objections and/or comments with the City Council within 20 days of this notice.

Copies of the above-referenced Ordinance, Resolutions, and the non-ad valorem assessment roll are on file with and may be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the City Manager or at the Office of the City Clerk, both located at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922.

The total annual stormwater assessment revenue to be collected within the City for Fiscal Year 2025 is estimated to be approximately \$2.3 million. For the purpose of this non-ad valorem assessment, benefited parcels are all parcels within the City limits of the City of Cocoa except for properties with government ownership, public roads and rights-of-way, vacant parcels, railroad tracks, certain educational establishments, bona-fide agricultural operations, parcels with less than 400 square feet of impervious surface, and such other exempt properties determined by lawful action of the City Council. The amount of the annual stormwater assessment imposed against each property is based on an impervious area apportionment method whereby a portion of the City's annual stormwater budget is allocated to properties based upon the total impervious area of each individual parcel. For single family residential parcels (including up to three dwelling units), parcels will be placed in to one of three tiers based on the amount of impervious area measured on the individual parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. Tier 1 ranges from 400 - 2,300 sq. ft., Tier 2 ranges from 2,400 - 4,400 sq. ft., and Tier 3 is greater than 4,400 sq. ft. The assessment for each tier is presented in the table below. For non-single-family parcels, each parcel is assigned a number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) that is calculated based on the measured amount of impervious area on the parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. divided by the ERU definition of 3,100 sq. ft. (which is the average impervious area of a single-family parcel. The annual fee assessed to each parcel is then determined by multiplying \$139.78

(as presented in the table below), which represents the stormwater assessment per ERU, by the number of ERUs for each non-single-family parcel.

FY 2025 Assessment Rates for Single Family Parcels (up to three units)			FY 2025 Assessment Rate for Non-Single Family Parcels
Tier 1: 400 – 2,300 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 2: 2,400 – 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 3: Greater than 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area	
\$90.87	\$139.78	\$243.23	\$139.78 Per ERU

Note that parcels with less than 400 sq. ft. will not be assessed as the impact upon the stormwater system is de minimis.

For parcels that have constructed permitted, on-site facilities that meet the criteria outlined in Final Rate Resolution that mitigate the stormwater runoff from the parcel, a property owner may apply for a mitigation credit against the parcel’s stormwater assessment. For those parcels that currently have a mitigation credit in the current stormwater user fee, those credits have been recognized in the assessment amount above.

The annual assessment will be increased by 2% in Fiscal Year 2025 and 4.0% each year thereafter that the assessment is levied up to a maximum assessment of \$102.09 for Tier 1, \$157.06 for Tier 2, \$273.29 for Tier 3 and \$157.06 per ERU, and a maximum assessment rate of \$157.06 per ERU for non-single-family parcels that are not subject to the tiered assessment.

The non-ad valorem assessment is an annual assessment which will continue from year to year. For Fiscal Year 2025 and each year thereafter, the assessment will be collected by the Brevard County Tax Collector on the Ad-Valorem Tax bill to be mailed in November. The annual assessment amount will include expenses incurred by the City in administering and collecting the assessment including fees imposed by the County property appraiser and tax collector and will be

adjusted as necessary to account for any statutory discounts which are necessitated when employing the efficiencies of collecting the assessments annually on the same bill as property taxes. Florida law provides that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property which may result in a loss of title. Annual adjustments to this assessment, including increases, may be implemented and the maximum assessment rates presented above are authorized to provide sufficient future revenues (in addition to other legally available funds) for the City to provide stormwater services, facilities and programs at appropriate levels of service.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may 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. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at (321) 433-8488 at least two days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact, out Stormwater Division at (321-433-8770) or stormwater@cocoaf1.org, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

[INSERT MAP OF THE CITY OF COCOA]

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA**

Appendix B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE COLLECTION OF STORMWATER NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

**** THIS IS NOT A BILL ****

[Insert Mailing Date]

[Owner1 - Col AB]

[Owner2 - Col AC]

[MailAddressLine1 - Col AE]

[MailCity - Col AG], [MailState - Col AH] [MailZip5 - Col AK]

CITY OF COCOA Tax ID : [TaxAcct - Col A]

[LocAddressFormatted - Col Y]

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Cocoa (the "City") is hereby providing notice that an annual non-ad valorem assessment to pay a portion of the annual stormwater costs may be levied against your property for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 ("Fiscal Year 2025"), and each fiscal year thereafter, as required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

The Public hearing is scheduled for August 27, 2024 at 6:00 P.M at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, in the City Council Chambers to receive public comment on the proposed non-ad valorem assessments. The final decision on the assessment will be made by the City Council during the public hearings. If necessary, the City Council may continue the public hearings and the date and time for continuance shall be announced at the public hearing without further written notice of the continued hearing to the public. All affected property owners have a right to appear at either hearing and to file written objections with the City within twenty 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. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at 321-433-8484.

The total annual stormwater assessment revenue to be collected within the City for Fiscal Year 2025 is estimated to be \$2.3 million. The amount of the annual stormwater assessment imposed against each property is based on an impervious area apportionment method whereby the City's annual stormwater budget is allocated to properties based upon the total impervious area of each individual parcel. For single family residential parcels (including up to three dwelling units), parcels were placed in to one of three tiers based on the amount of impervious area measured on the individual parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. Tier 1 ranges from 400 - 2,300 sq. ft., Tier 2 ranges from 2,400 - 4,400 sq. ft., and Tier 3 is greater than 4,400 sq. ft. The assessment for each tier is presented in the table below.

FY 2025 Assessment Rates for Single Family Parcels (up to three units)		
Tier 1: 400 – 2,300 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 2: 2,400 – 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area	Tier 3: Greater than 4,400 sq. ft. of impervious area
\$90.87	\$139.78	\$243.23

For non-single-family parcels, each parcel was assigned a number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) that was calculated based on the measured amount of impervious area on the parcel rounded down to the nearest hundred sq. ft. divided by the ERU definition of 3,100 sq. ft. (which is the average impervious area of a Single-Family parcel). The annual assessment to each parcel was then determined by multiplying \$139.78 (as presented in the table below), which represents the stormwater assessment per ERU, by the number of ERUs for each non-single-family parcel.

FY 2025 Assessment Rate for Non-Single-Family Parcels
\$139.78 Per ERU

Note that parcels with less than 400 sq. ft. will not be assessed as the impact upon the stormwater system is de minimis.

The FY 2025 Assessment for this parcel will be as follows:

Tier if single-family:	[Tier Structure - Col L]
Billed ERUs if non-single family:	[ERUs - Col M]
Annual Assessment Amount:	[\$[Net Fee - Col P] (Includes mitigation credit of [Credit - Col O]

For parcels that have constructed permitted, on-site facilities that meet the criteria outlined in the Final Rate Resolution that mitigate the stormwater runoff from the parcel, a property owner may apply for a mitigation credit against the parcel’s stormwater assessment. For those parcels that currently have a mitigation credit in the current stormwater fee, those credits have been recognized in the assessment amount above.

The annual assessment will be increased by 2 % in Fiscal Year 2025 and 4.0% each year thereafter that the assessment is levied up to a maximum assessment for single family parcels (including up to three dwelling units) of \$102.09 for Tier 1, \$157.06 for Tier 2, \$273.29 for Tier 3, and a maximum assessment rate of \$157.06 per ERU for non-single-family parcels that are not subject to the tiered assessment.

The non-ad valorem assessment is an annual assessment which will continue from year to year. For Fiscal Year 2025 and each year thereafter, the assessment will be collected by the Brevard County Tax Collector on the Ad-Valorem Tax bill to be mailed in November. The annual assessment amount includes expenses incurred by the City in administering and collecting the assessment including fees imposed by the County property appraiser and tax collector and was be adjusted to account for any statutory discounts which are necessitated when employing the efficiencies of collecting the assessments annually on the same bill as property taxes. Florida law provides that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property which may result in a loss of title. Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of City Council action at the hearing on August 27, 2024, (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

If you have any questions regarding your stormwater assessment, please contact the Stormwater Division at (321-433-8770) or stormwater@cocoafl.org, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

*******DO NOT SEND PAYMENT - THIS IS NOT A BILL*******