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Notice of Proposed/Adopted Assessments • General Information

Why did I receive this Notice?

As an owner of property in Florida, you have a right to receive specific information about property taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. This Notice honors those rights by providing details about the assessment(s) assigned to your property and proposed for billing on the 2014 Property Tax Bill.

Do I need to respond to this Notice?

The Notice is for informational purposes; a response is not required. However, if you have assessment related comments to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners [BCC], you may address the BCC in person at the public hearing or you may file your comments in writing (email or letter) with the MSBU Program. Written comments received by August 1, 2014 will be filed with the BCC.

Are these new assessments?

The code noted in the "Status" column indicates if an assessment is new [N] or existing [E]. The status code also indicates if the amount is an installment billing for a capital [C] improvement or if it is a variable [V] rate assessment for an ongoing service.

Why might the assessment amount change?

The assessment amount for an ongoing service may vary annually based on operating cost and budget requirements. Example, the assessment for solid waste collection and disposal was adjusted for tax year 2014 due to increases in the contracted collection service cost. Additional rate information is available at the MSBU Program website.

Only need to update your mailing address or owner information?

Contact the Seminole County Property Appraiser at 407-665-7506.

What is a non-ad valorem assessment?

A non-ad valorem assessment represents a cost share assigned to a group of properties to pay all or part of the cost associated with a specific public service or improvement primarily benefiting those properties. Assessments are assigned on a "benefit unit" basis as defined when an assessment district (MSBU) is established. A *benefit unit* may be a parcel, dwelling, linear foot, or other equitable unit.

What services are funded by assessment?

Assessment funding may be used for constructed capital improvements and/or ongoing public services. Water/wastewater utility service line construction and neighborhood wall reconstruction are examples of capital improvements funded by assessment. Street lighting, aquatic weed control, and the collection/disposal of residential solid waste are examples of ongoing services funded by assessment.

If "Not a Bill" - when will I be billed?

Assessments approved at the public hearing will be billed via the 2014 Property Tax Bill to be mailed late October by the Seminole County Tax Collector. To avoid penalties, the property tax bill must be paid in full to the Tax Collector by March 31. Remember, early payment discounts are offered.

Interested in online services and information?

Visit the Seminole County Government website for an introduction to available services and information:

<http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/guide/index.aspx>

For information specific to your property, click on "My Resident Information"

Street Lighting

Are the streetlights in your community in good working order?

For corrective action, residents are encouraged to report outages or repair requests directly to the electric utility company servicing your area:

Duke Energy
(800) 228-8485

or

Florida Power & Light
(800) 226-3545

If your community is interested in new or additional streetlighting, please contact the MSBU Program.

Lake Management

Did you know an assessment district may be established to assist with managing invasive aquatic plants? Or to improve the environmental qualities of a waterbody?

To learn more about these opportunities, simply contact the MSBU Program or visit our website.

If your property currently participates in an MSBU for aquatic weed control, be sure to register your email address with the MSBU Program to receive routine updates regarding lake management activities.

Solid Waste Collection & Disposal

Does your solid waste collection service option meet your needs?

Owners of residential property in unincorporated Seminole County are offered a choice between four different collection service options. Your current collection service option is noted in the assessment description on the front of this Notice. Remember, the deadline for requesting a service option change for the next calendar year is September 1, 2014.

Is your home located in a bear-prone area? Bear-resistant containers for household waste are available for purchase or lease. For more information, visit seminolecountyfl.gov, or call 407-665-2260.

For more information about available services, collection options and rates, requesting a service change, or who to contact, please refer to the brochure enclosed with this Notice or visit the MSBU Program website.

Questions? Need more information?

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