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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 04**

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**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**FY2023 - 2024 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE  
FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

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**ADOPTED: September 7, 2023**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 04**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the **Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District** of Manatee County, Florida (“District”) is an independent special purpose taxing district authorized under Florida Law to levy annually an ad valorem tax against the taxable real estate within the District to provide funds for the purposes of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with applicable general law, including Chapter 200, Florida Statutes (F.S.); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 200.065, F.S., sets forth the requirements for fixing millage, levying ad valorem tax, and noticing a public hearing on the adoption of a millage rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District, on September 7, 2023, conducted a duly noticed public meeting and hearing to consider the adoption of a tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District adopted a Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 tentative millage rate following the above-referenced public hearing held pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 200.065, F.S.; and


**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Manatee County has been certified by the Manatee County Property Appraiser to the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District as \$7,515,431,828.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the **Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District** of Manatee County, Florida, that:

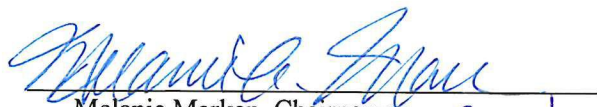
1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated fully herein by reference.
2. The Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 tentative operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District is 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.0752 mills by 12.17%.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

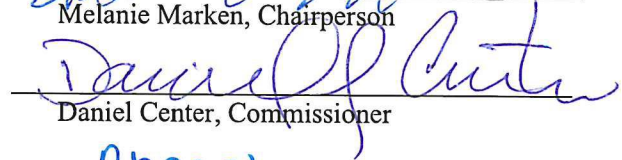
**DULY ADOPTED** at a duly noticed virtual public meeting and hearing this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

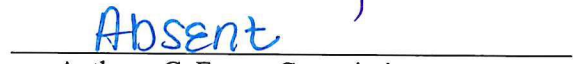
ATTEST:

  
Jim Grote  
Secretary/Vice-Chair/Treasurer

**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

  
Melanie Marken, Chairperson

  
Daniel Center, Commissioner

  
Absent  
Anthony C. Evans, Commissioner

  
Jim Cena, Commissioner

**APPENDIX A**  
**PROOF OF PUBLICATION**



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#### LEGAL NOTICES

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

##### 2023 Non-Ad Valorem Assess- ments Hearing Tentative 2023 Millage Rate Hearing Tentative 2023-2024 FY Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on Thurs-  
day, September 7, 2023, at 5:01 p.m.  
or as soon thereafter as the matters  
may be heard the District will con-  
duct three (3) public hearings on the  
following: (1) the District's adoption  
of the 2023 Non-Ad Valorem Assess-  
ments; (2) the District's adoption of  
the 2023 Tentative Millage Rate; and  
(3) the District's 2023/24 Fiscal Year  
Tentative Budget.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained  
at the offices of the District (2451 Trail-  
mate Dr, Sarasota FL 34342) during  
normal business hours or accessed  
on the District's website, www.smfr.  
com.

The meeting/hearings are open to the  
public and will be conducted in ac-  
cordance with the provisions of Flori-  
da law for independent special taxing  
districts.

The purpose of the first public hear-  
ing will be for the District's Board of  
Fire Commissioners to hear testimony  
and evidence relating to the District's  
adoption of the 2023 Non-Ad Valorem  
Assessments and to certify an as-  
sessment roll. Immediately following  
the first public hearing, the District will  
consider the second public hearing to  
consider the 2023 Tentative Millage  
Rate. Immediately following the 2023  
Tentative Millage Rate Hearing, the  
Board of Fire Commissioners will hold  
the third public hearing to hear testi-  
mony and evidence relating to the Dis-  
trict's adoption of 2023/24 Fiscal Year  
Tentative Budget. Interested parties  
are encouraged to attend the public  
hearings either in person or by agent  
or submit their appeal in writing prior  
to the date of the public hearing(s).

No stenographic record by a certified  
court reporter is made of this meeting.  
If any person desires to appeal any  
decision of the Southern Manatee  
Fire & Rescue District Board of Com-  
missioners, that person will 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.  
(F.S. 286.0105).

The Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue  
District does not discriminate on the  
basis of race, color, national origin,  
sex, religion, age, or disability status  
in employment or in the provision of  
services. Disabled individuals may re-  
ceive special accommodation in ser-  
vices on one working days' notice by  
calling Executive Mgmt. Assist. Janee  
Ferguson at 941-751-7675 (F.S.  
286.011 (6)). Melanie Marken, Chair-  
person Board of Fire Commissioner  
IPL0137473  
Aug 31 2023

### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DALLAS

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared  
Crystal Trunick, who, on oath, says that she is a Legal  
Advertising Representative of The Bradenton Herald, a  
daily newspaper published at Bradenton in Manatee  
County, Florida; that the attached copy of the  
advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement in the  
matter of Public Notice, was published in said  
newspaper in the issue(s) of:

1 insertion(s) published on:

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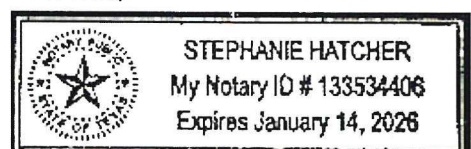
### THE STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

Affidavit further says that the said publication is a  
newspaper published at Bradenton, in said Manatee  
County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has  
heretofore been continuously published in said  
Manatee County, Florida, each day and has been  
entered as second-class mail matter at the post office in  
Bradenton, in said Manatee County, Florida, for a period  
of one year next preceding the first publication of the  
attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further  
says that she has neither paid nor promised any person,  
firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or  
refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement  
for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of  
August in the year of 2023

Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in  
Dallas County



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