Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District 636 Thomas Sherwin Ave. S. Lehigh Acres, FL 33974

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF **FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESCUE** NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE DATE: August 27, 2019

Tax Parcel ID: Location:

Greetings. Pursuant to Section 197.3632, F.S. notice is given by the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District (District) that annual so-called "DEMAND-BASED" assessments for fire protection and emergency rescue services using the tax bill collection method, will continue to be levied on your property for fiscal year 2020 (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020), and likely for future fiscal years, unless an alternative approach is approved by District voters. The purpose of these charges is to fund fire protection and emergency rescue services, equipment and facilities benefiting property located within the District. These "DEMAND-BASED' assessments are computed using the classification of each parcel and the total number of billing units on the parcel. The District adds a user charge or fee per tax bill to cover the charges of the Tax Collector (\$1.45), any amounts necessary to off-set statutory discounts received for early payment of the District's assessments (4%), and to defray the District's assessment program administration and management costs (\$5.00). Please recall the District does not charge ad valorem property taxes, but could do so in any future year instead of these charges and assessments.

A public hearing will be held at 6:01 p.m. on September 16, 2019 at the East Lee County High School Auditorium, 715 Thomas Sherwin Ave S, Lehigh Acres, FL 33974, for the purpose of receiving public comment on this notice and the proposed assessments. You have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the District Board within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the District Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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 the District's administrative offices at (239) 303-5300, at least two (2) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The applicable Procedural Resolution, Initial Assessment Resolution, Final Assessment Resolution, 2019 Preliminary Rate Resolution, the map or plat of the District, and the updated assessment roll are available for inspection on-line at lehighfd.com or the above address.

The non-ad valorem amounts addressed and shown on this notice will be collected by the Tax Collector on the same tax notice and bill for property taxes mailed in November. This is sometimes called the uniform method of collection. The District is required to remind you that failure to pay your taxes and assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. *Thank you for your review.*

If there is a mistake on this notice, it can and will be corrected. For questions regarding your non-ad valorem assessment, please visit lehighfd.com, or email <u>assessment@lehighfd.com</u> before calling the District at (239) 303-5300, M-F, between 8AM and 4PM.

**** NOTICE ASSOCIATED WITH DEMAND-BASED METHOD OF ASSESSMENT --- THIS IS NOT A BILL ****

ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION (FIRE) ASSESSMENT

Property Use Classification	Billing Units	Notice of Maximum Annual Rate for Fire Assessment	FY 2020 Fire Assessment Rate per Billing Unit
Residential	1 Dwelling Unit	\$371.03 per	\$274.84 per
		Billing Unit	Billing Unit
	Total Assessment	\$371.03	\$274.84

The total annual Fire Protection Assessment revenues to be collected for FY 2020 is estimated to be \$14,179,017.98.

ANNUAL EMERGENCY RESCUE (EMS) ASSESSMENT

Property Use Classification	Billing Units	Notice of Maximum Annual Rate for EMS Assessment	FY 2020 EMS Assessment per Billing Unit
Residential	1 Dwelling Unit	\$82.28 per	\$60.95 per
		Billing Unit	Billing Unit
	Total Assessment	\$82.28	\$60.95

The total annual Emergency Rescue Assessment revenues to be collected for FY 2020 is estimated to be \$2,599,027.78.

Annual increases for all District assessments are limited to the previous five years' Florida personal income average annual growth rate.

The combined total of these Demand-Based assessment revenues to be collected for FY 2020 is estimated to be \$16,778,045.76.