

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 19, 2008

Division: Emergency Services

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Fire Rescue

Staff Contact Person: Susan Hover

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval to advertise a public hearing at the April 16, 2008 BOCC meeting for an ordinance adopting the uniform method of levying a non-ad valorem assessment for fire rescue services.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The budget for Monroe County Fire Rescue (MCFR) services over the past several years has failed to allow for capital programs and staffing levels adequate to meet state and national mandated levels. As a result, MCFR has identified funding needs that could be met by a non-ad valorem assessment, which means that the specific citizens who are using the benefits would be paying for the services. As the first step statutorily and legally required to proceed with said program, an ordinance laying out the mechanics of the non-ad valorem assessment program was scheduled to go before the BOCC at the March 19, 2008 public hearing, but after staff recommendation, has now been delayed for one month until the April 16, 2008 BOCC meeting. Advertising has not yet been done. We are now requesting to advertise for the April meeting.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: On December 19, 2007, there was a public hearing for and the Board approved, a Resolution of Intent authorizing the use of the uniform method to collect non-ad valorem assessments to fund Fire Services in the unincorporated area of Monroe County. On February 20, 2008, the Board approved to advertise a public hearing at the March 19, 2008 BOCC meeting for an ordinance adopting the uniform method of levying a non-ad valorem assessment for fire rescue services.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval.

TOTAL COST: _____ **BUDGETED:** Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____ **AGENDA ITEM #** _____