

Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Lake City, Florida

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The City of Lake City Fire Department provides fire protection services to residents within the incorporated city. The City previously implemented a non-ad valorem fire assessment to fund the capital and operating costs associated with providing fire protection services. To ensure that the City's assessment rates are accurately recouping the cost of providing fire rescue services, the City retained Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. (TOA) to calculate updated fire protection assessment rates based on the most currently available data.

Project Highlights

- As part of the study, several changes to the methodology were incorporated to more fairly apportion the cost allocation among property classes.

Project Issues

- Tight timeframe for the completion of the study.
- City provides Hazmat service countywide.
- Separation from the County's fire department.

Solutions Implemented

- Given TOA has a dedicated public finance group of 8 individuals, the necessary resources to meet the deadlines were made available.
- Removed the appropriate portion of the Hazmat budget from the cost allocation analysis as not to overcharge City residents.
- Isolated costs and incidents associated with fire protection services provided within the city.

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The City of Lake City retained TOA to update its non-ad valorem fire protection assessment using the most current data available.



Lake City's fire assessment generates non-ad valorem revenue to fund the operation and capital costs of the City's Fire Department.

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