



Meeting Type City Council – Regular Meeting

Meeting Date August 27, 2025

Agenda Request Form City of Cape Coral

Title

Resolution 240-25 Final Public Hearing

Ordinances and Resolutions

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for assessments imposed to fund Lot Mowing services; approving the assessment rates for such Fiscal Year and providing for collection of the assessments pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; providing for severability and an effective date. (Brought forward by City Management)

Requested Action Approve or Deny

Summary Explanation and Background

Chapter 17 of the City Code provides a uniform process for the imposition and annual administration of Assessments imposed to fund essential services and capital improvements, including the assessments imposed by the City each year to fund Lot Mowing Services. Section 9-83 of the Code provides that charges imposed for Lot Mowing Services shall be collected and administered pursuant to the procedures set forth in Chapter 17.

The Low Mowing Service constitutes an essential service as defined in Section 17-1 of the Code. The Low Mowing Services preserves and enhances the value, use, marketability, and enjoyment of unimproved lots located in the Assessment Area by improving the aesthetic appearance of each of the parcels in the Assessment Area, facilitating each owner's obligation to keep their property in compliance with the City Code and providing a safe environment for the property owners to engage in certain outdoor activities on such parcels.

The Assessments imposed provide an equitable method of funding the annual operating costs related to the Low Mowing Service of each fiscal year by fairly and reasonably allocating such operating costs based on the special benefit derived by the unimproved lots.

Lots on the program are mowed thirteen times a year. The lot mowing program consists of vacant parcels in 4 districts. Program begins in February and continues through December. The lot mowing assessment includes Pepper tree removal and owl nest trimming. Owl nest trimming begins in May and continues through January. Rates are calculated based on an Equivalent Lot Unit (5,000 SF).

Strategic Plan Alignment

Is this a Strategic Decision?

YES

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

NO

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below:

- ☒ CITY SERVICES AND AMENITIES: DELIVER EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES AND HIGH-QUALITY AMENITIES
- ☐ COMMUNICATION: CULTIVATE AN ENGAGED AND INFORMED COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE
- ☐ ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AND WORKFORCE: CREATE A COMMUNITY OF PROSPEROUS RESIDENTS, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS, AND SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES
- ☒ FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY: MAINTAIN A FINANCIALLY SOUND GOVERNMENT AND HIGH-PERFORMING ORGANIZATION
- ☐ INFRASTRUCTURE: INVEST IN RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE
- ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: PRESERVE CAPE CORAL'S NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Is this a Consultant recommendation? NO

Is this contained in a Master Plan? NO

If yes to either question, please provide details of the name of Consultant or name of the Master Plan when applicable:

Recommendations

Approve Resolution 240-25

Source of Additional Information

Crystal Feast, Financial Services Director, cfeast@capecoral.gov, (239)574-0491

Fiscal Impact/Funding Sources(s)/Budget Consideration

Revenue generated from the approved rates will be included in the FY 2025-2026 Budget.

Will this action result in a Budget Amendment? NO

Prepared By Suzanne Lopez, Senior Administrative Specialist