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ORDINANCE NO. 82-16

AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEEKI WACHEE ACRES MUNICIPAL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UNIT; PROVIDING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIT IS TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN SAID UNIT; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM WITHIN SAID UNIT; PROVIDING FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID UNIT; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 2.75 MILLS OF AD VALOREM TAX TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF CREATION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE SAID UNIT; PROVIDING A METHOD OF LEVY, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AFORESAID TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID UNIT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SAID UNIT; PROVIDING THAT THE SAID UNIT SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SPRING HILL FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS OF FACT AND PURPOSE:

It is hereby found by the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, that fire protection and emergency medical services are an essential service for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the public. It is further the finding of the Board of County Commissioners that the Legislature has Section 125.01 (1) (q), Florida Statutes, provided for the creation of a municipal service taxing and benefit unit as a taxing vehicle to grant to all counties that taxing flexibility to levy ad valorem taxes within the limits fixed for municipal purposes for the furnishing of municipal services within those areas receiving the benefit of such municipal services in order to solve the controversy of double taxation between residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to create a County Municipal Service Taxing Unit for the purpose of creating, establishing, maintaining and operating a fire protection and emergency medical services system within the areas described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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SECTION II. CREATION OF UNIT:

For the purpose of creating, establishing, maintaining and operating a fire protection and emergency medical services system with the area described herein, there is hereby created a Municipal Service Taxing Unit to be known as the "WEEKI WACHEE ACRES MUNICIPAL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UNIT", which shall be all the property within the boundaries described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, located in Hernando County, Florida.

SECTION III. GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of the MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNIT shall be the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, acting by and through the governing body of the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District.

SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. The MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNIT shall be administered in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District.
- B. The MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNIT shall have the following duties:
 1. Establish, maintain and operate such fire protection and emergency medical services as is necessary to implement the purposes of this Ordinance;
 2. Provide fire protection and emergency medical services to improved and unimproved property within the benefited area.
- C. The Governing Body of the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District shall be responsible for administering the MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNIT and shall be responsible for the following, to the extent necessary to implement the purposes of this Ordinance:
 1. Constructing, equipping, and providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the unit to the full extent as is provided to the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District.
 2. Purchase such capital equipment as is necessary.
 3. Establish rules and regulations for the administration of the UNIT.

4. Hire such personnel as is necessary to implement the purposes of this Ordinance.
5. Perform such other acts as are necessary to implement the purposes of this Ordinance to the extent consistent herewith.
6. The Governing Body shall additionally have all the powers and duties held by the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District in Hernando County Ordinance No. 73-12, as amended by Hernando County Ordinance No. 75-10, and as further amended by Hernando County Ordinance No. 80-5.

- D. The powers to be exercised by the MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNIT are specifically made subject to all applicable State and County laws.
- E. The UNIT shall be subject to the budget and administrative requirements set forth in the Ordinances identified in Paragraph IV, C, 6.

SECTION V. ASSESSMENTS, LEVY AND LIEN PROVISIONS

It being recognized that the value of the benefits accrued by virtue of this Ordinance is directly proportional to the value of the property benefited, the County Commission is hereby authorized to levy an annual ad valorem tax not to exceed 2.75 mills on real property, excepting therefrom, the standard homestead exemption, within the unit for the purposes set forth herein for each year. The amount of the ad valorem tax shall be established in the same fashion, manner and amount as is established annually by and for the Spring Hill Fire and Rescue District.

SECTION VI. REPEAL

Any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall be construed as not having contained said section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision, and shall not be affected by such holding.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State by the Clerk of the Board within ten (10) days after adoption of this Ordinance, and shall take effect as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 21st day of December, 1982, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest *Harold William Brown*
HAROLD WILLIAM BROWN, CLERK

By *Frank Fish*
FRANK FISH, CHAIRMAN

SCHEDULE "A"

All of Weeki Wachee Acres, Unit 2 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 46, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 3, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 18 of the public records of Hernando County, Florida; together with any non-subdivided parcels lying east of the right-of-way of U.S. 19 and being bordered on the north, east, and south by said Unit 3 of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 4 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 19 of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 5 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 24, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 6, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 25, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres, Unit 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 39, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres, Unit 3, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 51, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres, Unit 4, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 56, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Heights, Unit 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 75, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 92, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.

All of Weeki Wachee Acres Addition, Unit 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 16, of the public records of Hernando County, Florida.