

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS REGARDING
EXISTENCE OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES - FIRE/EMS IMPACT FEES
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, will conduct public workshops on August 11, 2026, and August 25, 2026, both to begin at 9:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. The workshops will be held in the John Law Ayers Room, County Commission Chambers, 20 North Main Street, Room 160, Hernando County, Brooksville, Florida.

These workshops are being held in accordance with Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes, which allows the Board to consider “extraordinary circumstances” that may justify exceeding the statutory phase-in limits for increases of Hernando County’s Fire/EMS impact fees. The purpose of the workshops is to provide the public with information about the “Hernando County Fire/EMS Impact Fee Study Supplement, Demonstrated Needs Study,” dated July 8, 2026, that was prepared by Benesch, the County’s consultant. Representatives from Benesch will evidence that supports their finding that such extraordinary circumstances exist. These workshops will focus specifically on the existence of the extraordinary circumstances that warrant exceeding the statutory phase-in limits of the impact fee increases.

A copy of the demonstrated needs study has been posted at:

<https://www.hernandocounty.us/media/4i3by1b5/fire-rescue-and-ems-impact-fee-study-supplement-demonstrated-needs-study.pdf>

The demonstrated need study may also be inspected by the public at the Hernando County Administration Building, 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida, 34604, between the hours of 7:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday legal holidays excepted. Documentation may be viewed prior to the meeting via the County's website at www.hernandocounty.us - follow the Board Agenda and Minutes link to the specified agendas. For further information, please contact Hernando County Fire Rescue at: (352) 540-4353.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED in the above matter are invited to attend and be heard.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Maryellen Waite, Risk Management, 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604, (352) 540-6289. If hearing impaired, please call 711 for assistance.

Paul Hasenmeier, Director of Public Safety
Hernando County Fire Rescue

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