

RESOLUTION NO. 16-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; WAIVING INTEREST AND LATE CHARGES ON PAVING, AND STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIENS THAT HAS OR WILL ACCRUE AFTER THE LAST BILLING DATE, AND AUTHORIZING THE PINELLAS COUNTY CLERK TO CEASE ALL BILLING ON CERTAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIENS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, historically, Pinellas County has provided certain municipal services to residents upon petitioned request to the County and filed an assessment lien against the benefited parcels accordingly; and

WHEREAS, these liens attach to the parcels receiving the requested benefit, regardless of whether or not the owner of the parcel requested or opposed the benefit; and

WHEREAS, payment of these assessment liens is due and payable to the Finance Division, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller with interest or late charges as applicable;

WHEREAS, the active maintenance of these liens, including the computation of interest and late charges as appropriate, and the invoicing of current owners of parcels upon which liens attached, is no longer cost effective; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County that the legal effect of the assessment liens remain unchanged and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller continue to maintain these liens on behalf of the County, but computing interest or late charges accruing after the date of the last billing and attempting to collect special assessment liens through annual billing process shall cease; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County that all future assessments be adopted and assessed pursuant to the Uniform Method of Collection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida:

SECTION 1. That interest incurred subsequent to the last billing is hereby waived on all outstanding Paving Special Assessments pursuant to liens filed by Pinellas County.

SECTION 2. That late charges incurred subsequent to the last billing, are hereby waived on all Street Lighting Special Assessments pursuant to liens filed by Pinellas County.

SECTION 3. That the Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller is authorized and directed to cease all billing efforts to collect on any outstanding special assessment liens for paving, sewer, and street lighting.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk's Finance Division shall continue to be responsible for receiving payment on outstanding balances and preparing releases for satisfied special assessment liens on behalf of the County in accordance with the terms herewith.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law and shall supersede the provisions of all prior Resolutions imposing special assessment liens for paving, sewer, and street-lighting for collection other than by the Uniform Method of Collection.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 10th day of May 2016, Commissioner Gerard offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: **Justice, Long, Eggers, Gerard, Seel, and Morroni.**

NAYS: **None.**

Absent and not voting: **Welch.**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Christy Immacan Parbete
Office of the County Attorney