

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED RESOLUTION STATING THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' INTENT TO USE THE STATE UNIFORM NON- AD VALOREM COLLECTION METHOD

On **Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 9:30 A.M.**, the Pinellas County (the "County") Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") is holding a public hearing (the "Hearing") to consider adoption of a resolution (the "Resolution") stating the Board's intent to use the State Uniform Non-Ad Valorem Collection Method prescribed by F.S. §§ 197.3632, 197.3635 to levy a special assessment (the "Assessment") on properties abutting Grand Canal (the "Grand Canal Riparian Properties") for the dredging of the southern entrance to Grand Canal (the "Project"). A map depicting the Grand Canal Riparian Properties—the boundaries of the real property subject to the Assessment—is below. The Resolution and Hearing satisfy the requirements of F.S. § 197.3632(3)(a).

The Assessment is needed to fund the cost of the Project. The southern entrance to Grand Canal may close if not dredged within the next five years, thereby inhibiting access to and from Grand Canal. The Grand Canal Riparian Properties will receive a special benefit from the Project because the southern entrance to Grand Canal provides them with unimpeded access to the Gulf of Mexico. If the Resolution is adopted, County Staff will estimate the Project cost, develop the Assessment methodology, and petition owners of the Grand Canal Riparian Properties to confirm interest in the Assessment. Should the Board seek to levy the Assessment, F.S. § 197.3632(4)(a) requires that a separate public hearing be held between January 1, 2021 and September 15, 2021 to adopt a non-ad valorem roll for the Assessment. The Resolution is titled as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ELECTING TO USE THE STATE UNIFORM NON-AD VALOREM COLLECTION METHOD FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO DREDGE THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO GRAND CANAL; STATING THE NEED FOR THE ASSESSMENT; IDENTIFYING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING STAFF TO ESTIMATE PROJECT COST AND DEVELOP ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY; DIRECTING STAFF TO PETITION PROPERTY OWNERS TO CONFIRM INTEREST IN THE ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; PROVIDING FOR MAILING OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, PROPERTY APPRAISER, AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

~~The Board will hold a public hearing (the "Hearing") on the Ordinance on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 9:30 A.M.~~ The Hearing will be held virtually due to the current Declaration of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic and CDC recommended social distancing guidelines. The Hearing will be broadcast live at <https://youtube.com/pccvtv1> and on the following County cable public access channels: Spectrum Channel 637, Frontier Channel 44, WOW! Channel 18.

Members of the public may address the Board during the Hearing by accessing

www.pinellascounty.org/attend or calling one of the following numbers: 1-646-558-8656; or 1-312-626-6799; or 1-301-715-8592; or 1-346-248-7799; or 1-720-707-2699; or 1-253-215-8782. The Webinar ID number is 238 247 671.

The Resolution—which includes a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that would be subject to the Assessment and a list of parcels that are projected to be included on the non-ad valorem roll for the Assessment—may be inspected at the Pinellas County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The Resolution may also be viewed online at <https://pinellas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Those wishing to provide comments on the Resolution are encouraged to do so in advance by calling 727-464-4010 or accessing www.pinellascounty.org/bccagendacomment. Comments may also be submitted to the County Board Records Department at the address provided above. All comments on the Resolution received by 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2020 will be included as part of the official record for the Hearing and will be available to be considered by the Board prior to any action taken; comments submitted after this time will be kept as a public record but may not be available to be considered by the Board prior to any action taken.

Further instructions for commenting on the Resolution and participating in the Hearing are available at www.pinellascounty.org/BCC; recorded instructions are available at 727-464-4400. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing are encouraged to utilize the State of Florida's relay service by calling 7-1-1; for more information visit www.ft.org/relay.

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the Hearing, a verbatim record of the Hearing may be required. Because the County may not create a verbatim record of the Hearing, persons may wish to ensure that a verbatim record of the Hearing is made. Such record should include, at a minimum, the testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based.

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING ARE ENTITLED AT NO COST TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMODATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNTY OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SUCH REQUESTS MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL TO BOTH PVALENTI@CO.PINELLAS.FL.US AND JLORICK@CO.PINELLAS.FL.US. ALTERNATIVELY, SUCH REQUESTS MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA TELEPHONE BY CALLING 727-464-4882. SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020.

KEN BURKE, CLERK TO
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By: Katherine Carpenter, Deputy Clerk

REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

