

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County will conduct a final public hearing to continue the imposition of annual fire rescue special assessments for the provision of fire rescue services within the unincorporated area of Hardee County and within the municipalities of Wauchula, Zolfo Springs, and Bowling Green.

The hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Commissioner's Office at (863)773-9430 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed Fire Rescue Assessment schedule:

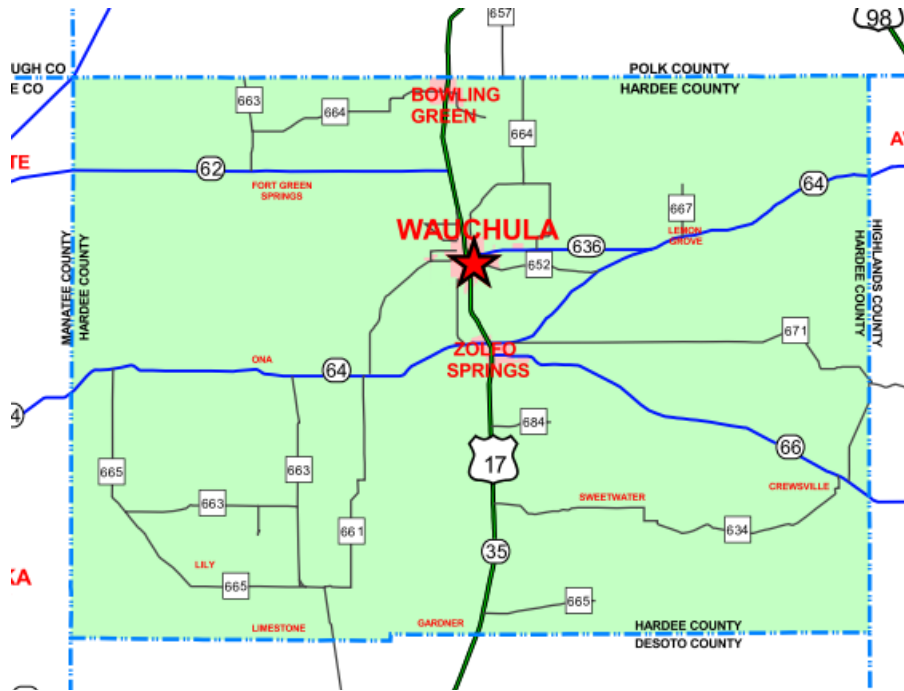
FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

Property Categories	Rates
Residential	\$257.74 per dwelling unit
Commercial	\$.11 per sq. ft.
Industrial/Warehouse	\$.18 per sq. ft.
Institutional	\$.63 per sq. ft.
Vacant Land	\$1.14 per acre

Copies of the Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of Management and Budget, 412 West Orange Street, Room 201, Wauchula, Florida Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected by the Hardee County Tax Collector on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Management and Budget at (863)773-3199, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



**COUNTY COMMISSION
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL SPECIAL
ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County will conduct a final public hearing to continue the imposition of annual solid waste collection and disposal special assessments for the provision of solid waste collection and disposal services within the unincorporated area of Hardee County.

The hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, in the Board Chambers, Hardee County Courthouse, 412 West Orange Street, Wauchula, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments and their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Commissioner's Office at (863)773-9430 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's residential classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessment schedule:

**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL ASSESSMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**

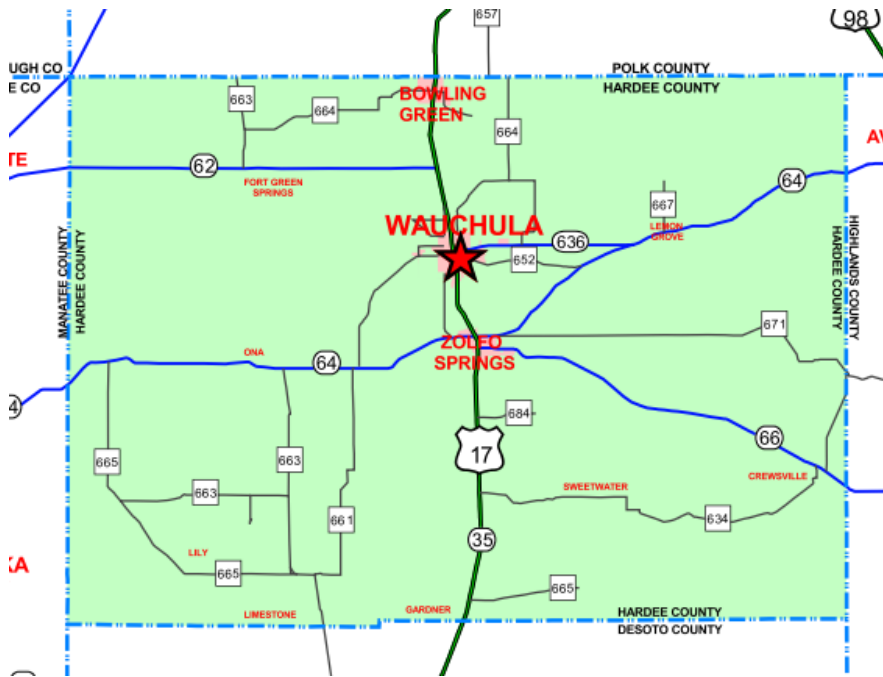
Property Categories	Rates
Unincorporated Residential	
Collection Portion	157.49 per residential unit
Disposal Portion	120.77 per residential unit
Total	278.26 per residential unit

Copies of the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessment Ordinance, the Assessment Resolution, and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of Management and Budget, 412 West Orange Street, Room 201, Wauchula, Florida Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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