

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	November 18, 2025	☒ Consent	☐ Regular
		☐ Workshop	☐ Public Hearing
Department:	Fire Rescue		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

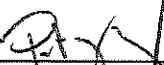
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: a copy of municipal ordinance No. 2025-01 of the City of Pahokee (City), providing the City's consent to continue its participation in the County's Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) through December 31, 2035.

SUMMARY: The County has provided fire-rescue services to the City as part of the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU since 2005, based on a series of consenting Ordinances by the City. This Ordinance No. 2025-01 provides the City's consent to be included in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU from December 31, 2025, to be implemented for tax year 2026, through December 31, 2035, to fund fire-rescue services by the County through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2036. City Ordinance No. 2025-01 is now being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to receive and file. **Countywide (SB)**

Background and Justification: Pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes, a municipality may be included within an MSTU, subject to approval by ordinance of the governing body of the municipality giving consent either annually or for a term of years. In 2005, the City adopted municipal ordinance No. 2005-06 consenting to the inclusion of the City into the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU for fire-rescue services. In 2016, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2016-09 to continue its participation in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU through December 31, 2025. On September 23, 2025, the City adopted municipal ordinance No. 2025-01 providing consent through December 31, 2035.

Attachment:

- 1. City of Pahokee Ordinance No. 2025-01

Recommended by:		10-20-2025
	For Assistant Fire Chief	Date
Approved by:		10-20-2025
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		10/28/25
	Deputy County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	*0				
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No
Does this item include the use of Federal Funds? Yes No X
Does this item include the use of State Funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No.: Fund ____ Dept ____ Unit ____ Rev Source ____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Funding for service to the City is currently provided from the Fire Rescue MSTU (Fund 1300). Extending the City's participation in the Fire Rescue MSTU will not change the amount of revenue received for fire-rescue services.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Garcen Magrini 10/20/25

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Shirley M. ... 10/21/2008
OFMB 05 10/21/2008
VS 10.21.25

and Control Comments:

Handwritten Signature 10/22/28

Contract Development and Control 26, 10.22.25

10-22-25 (1)

B. Legal Sufficiency

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Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY'S FIRE/RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FIRE-RESCUE, FIRE PROTECTION, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY SERVICES), FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR INTENT, PURPOSE AND CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION OF CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF REPEAL; ACKNOWLEDGING AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q) and (r), Florida Statutes, the Florida Legislature has empowered counties to establish Municipal Service Taxing Units ("MSTU"s), whereby a county may levy a tax within the MSTU for certain essential municipal services, including the provision of fire-rescue services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes, a municipality may be included within an MSTU, subject to approval by ordinance of the governing body of the municipality giving consent either annually or for a term of years; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County ("County") established an MSTU known as the Fire/Rescue MSTU to provide fire protection, fire rescue, advanced life support (or similar emergency services), fire code enforcement and other services necessary and incidental to the purpose for which the Fire/Rescue MSTU was created; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee ("City") by Ordinance No. 2005-06 consented to its inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU for a ten year term through December 31, 2015, as a mechanism to receive and fund County fire-rescue services through September 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the County by Ordinance No. 2005-064 amended the boundaries of

the Fire/Rescue MSTU to include the City for the duration of the term identified in City Ordinance No.2005-06, as such term may be extended by the City from time to time; and

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 2016-09 affirmed, continued and extended the City's consent and inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU through December 31, 2025, and further provided that said consent and inclusion shall be deemed to continue through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2026, to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by tax year 2025, including but not limited to the enforcement of the Fire Code and any other applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby desires to extend, for an additional ten (10) year period from December 31, 2025, through December 31, 2035, its consent to the inclusion of all the territory lying within the municipal boundaries of the City into the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU for County fire-rescue and related services within the City from October 1, 2026, until 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2036, and believes that such inclusion is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Incorporation. The above recitals are herein incorporated by reference.

Section 2: Intent, Purpose and Consent: It is the intent, purpose, and effect of this Ordinance to comply with the provisions of Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes. The City Commission hereby extends and consents to the inclusion of all territory within the incorporated municipal boundaries of the City, as may be amended from time to time, within the County's Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (the "Fire/Rescue MSTU"), which was established pursuant to enabling legislation adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County. The purpose of the enactment of this Ordinance is to extend the City's consent to be included in the County's Fire/Rescue

MSTU in order to enable the County to fund and provide fire-rescue and related services within the territorial limits of the City including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Palm Beach County Local Amendments thereto (collectively "Fire Code") and any other laws and regulations applicable within the Fire/Rescue MSTU.

Section 3: Effectiveness and Duration of Consent: The City's consent to be included in the Fire/Rescue MSTU is hereby extended effective from December 31, 2025, to be implemented for tax year 2026 in order to fund and provide County fire-rescue and related services within the City as of October 1, 2026, and to provide for the City's continuing inclusion in the Fire/Rescue MSTU without interruption. The City's consent to be included in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall continue from December 31, 2025, for a term of ten (10) years through December 31, 2035; provided, however, that the City's consent and inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be deemed to continue through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2036, to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by the final tax year including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Fire Code and any other laws and regulations applicable within the Fire/Rescue MSTU.

Section 4: Effectiveness of Repeal: Should the City intend to repeal its consent to be included in the Fire/Rescue MSTU prior to its expiration on December 31, 2035, the City shall provide written notice to the County, by March 1st of any given year, of the City's intent to repeal this Ordinance and the consent provided herein effective December 31st of the same year. The County will then adopt an ordinance to remove the City from the Fire/Rescue MSTU as of said December 31st. The City shall adopt an ordinance to repeal this Ordinance and the consent provided herein, and shall provide a certified copy of the repealing ordinance to the County and to the Property Appraiser, by said December 31st. The City's inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall terminate on said December 31st; provided, however, that the City's inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be deemed to continue through the following October

1st at 7:30 a.m. to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by the final tax year, including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Fire Code and any other laws and regulations applicable within the Fire/Rescue MSTU.

Section 5: Ad Valorem Millage Rate Limitation: The City acknowledges that by opting into the Fire/Rescue MSTU, it cannot levy an annual ad valorem millage rate that would exceed the ten (10) mill cap for municipal purposes when combined with the Fire/Rescue MSTU's annual ad valorem millage rate.

Section 6: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All other City ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict. Notwithstanding the above, Ordinance No. 2016-09 shall not be deemed repealed by this Ordinance and shall expire as provided for therein; provided, however, that Ordinance No. 2016-09 and the term of consent identified therein shall be deemed to be extended to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by the final tax year thereunder.

Section 7: Severability: If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 8: Codification: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of ordinances of the City. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word.

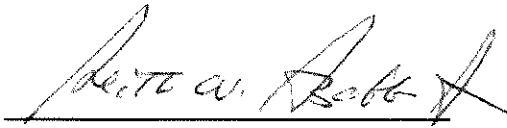
Section 9: Captions: The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are intended only for the convenience of users and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 10: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective December 31, 2025. Notwithstanding anything here to the contrary, the City's continuing

participation in the Fire/Rescue MSTU is contingent upon the County maintaining an ordinance including the City within the Fire/Rescue MSTU.

FIRST READING this 8th day of September, 2025.

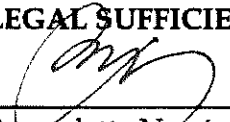
APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING by the City Commission of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on this 23rd day of September, 2025.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**


Bernadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: Val Cooper - Sullivan

Seconded by: Conner McDonald

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	☒	(Yes)	☐	(No)
Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams	☒	(Yes)	☐	(No)
Commissioner McDonald	☒	(Yes)	☐	(No)
Commissioner McPherson	☒	(Yes)	☐	(No)
Commissioner Scott	☒	(Yes)	☐	(No)

