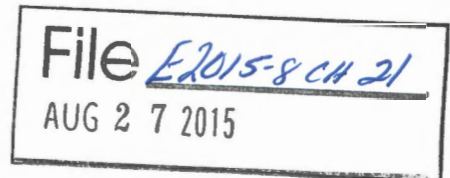




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**City of Tampa**  
**Agenda Item Request**  
Department: City Attorneys Office

**Council Regular**

**Submittal Date:** 8/19/2015  
**Requested Meeting Date:** 8/27/2015  
**Type of Request:** Resolution  
**Contact:** LISA LEVY / 274-8962

**Subject** Final Stormwater Resolution to provide for construction and funding of Stormwater Improvements by the City's Stormwater Utility.

**Resolution / Ordinance Title** A Resolution of the City of Tampa, Florida, relating to the construction and funding of stormwater improvements by the City's Stormwater Utility; imposing Stormwater Improvement Assessments against certain real property within the central and lower basin improvement area; approving the Stormwater Roll; confirming the initial Stormwater Assessment Resolution; providing for a method of collecting the Stormwater Improvement Assessments; and providing an effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval by City Council

**BACKGROUND:**

The City created a Stormwater utility in 2003 to provide partial funding for the operation and maintenance of the City's stormwater system. The final stormwater resolution will authorize the imposition of stormwater improvement assessments against real property burdening portions of the City's Stormwater System, and thus specially benefited by, construction and funding of Stormwater Improvements in certain areas of the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Yes

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Adoption of the Final Stormwater Resolution for the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area would provide approximately \$16.8 million annually. The assessments will be used to fund the proposed \$251.3 million in stormwater capital improvement projects and administrative charges such as Tax Collector fees and notice mailings. Funding will be used to pay for Stormwater Capital Project costs directly or the associated debt service.

**PROJECTED COSTS:** The accounting structure will be established prior to FY2017 in a fund to separately account for the Stormwater Improvement Assessment revenues and expenditures.

Item Sign Off:

Lisa Levy - 8/19/2015 10:24:20 AM (Originator Review)  
Patty Ayala - 8/19/2015 10:37:22 AM (Department Head)  
Jean Duncan - 8/19/2015 10:39:48 AM (Department 1)  
Patty Ayala - 8/19/2015 10:44:14 AM (Atty Coordinator)  
Jan McLean - 8/19/2015 10:49:22 AM (Assistant Attorney)  
Lisa Levy - 8/19/2015 10:59:26 AM (Returned To Originator)  
Jan McLean - 8/19/2015 11:26:18 AM (Assistant Attorney)  
Julia Mandell - 8/19/2015 1:24:49 PM (City Attorney)  
Brad Baird - 8/19/2015 2:12:58 PM (Administrator 2)  
David Vance - 8/19/2015 2:16:05 PM (Finance Coordinator)  
Phil Rice - 8/19/2015 3:34:02 PM (Finance Fiscal and Lead Analyst)  
Peggy Curtin - 8/19/2015 4:27:56 PM (Budget Operating Mgr)  
Michael Perry - 8/19/2015 4:58:01 PM (Budget Officer)  
Sonya Little - 8/19/2015 5:18:47 PM (CFO)  
Dennis Rogero - 8/20/2015 10:00:42 AM (Chief of Staff)  
Bob Buckhorn - 8/20/2015 10:58:33 AM (Mayor)  
Lisa Levy - 8/20/2015 11:10:19 AM (Returned To Originator)  
Michael Perry - 8/20/2015 11:20:05 AM (Budget Officer)  
Sonya Little - 8/20/2015 1:26:04 PM (CFO)  
Dennis Rogero - 8/20/2015 3:24:16 PM (Chief of Staff)  
Bridgett McCormick - 8/20/2015 5:42:06 PM (For Mayor Bob Buckhorn)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

**FINAL STORMWATER RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY'S STORMWATER UTILITY; IMPOSING STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CENTRAL AND LOWER BASIN IMPROVEMENT AREA; APPROVING THE STORMWATER ROLL; CONFIRMING THE INITIAL STORMWATER ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF COLLECTING THE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa, Florida (the "City"), has heretofore enacted Chapter 21 of the City of Tampa Code, as amended and supplemented, and particularly as amended and supplemented by Ordinance No. 2003-0200 enacted by the City on August 7, 2003 (the "Stormwater Code"), to authorize the imposition of Stormwater Improvement Assessments against real property burdening portions of the City's Stormwater System, and thus specially benefited by, construction and funding of Stormwater Improvements in certain areas of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of a Stormwater Improvement Assessment is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the Project Cost of the Stormwater Improvements among parcels of real property within certain areas of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21-124 of the Stormwater Code, the City proposed the creation of the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area by its Resolution 2015-557, adopted June 25, 2015 (the "Initial Assessment Resolution") and provided therein a description of the Stormwater Improvements, described the method of assessing the Project Cost of the Stormwater Improvements against the real property that will be specially benefited thereby, provided specific legislative findings required by the Stormwater Code and directed preparation of the tentative Stormwater Roll and provision of the notices required by the Stormwater Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21-128 of the Stormwater Code, the City is required to confirm or repeal the Initial Assessment Resolution, with such amendments as

the City deems appropriate, after hearing comments and receiving objections of all interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stormwater Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Stormwater Code; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Sections 21-126 and 21-127 of the Stormwater Code, notice of a public hearing has been published and mailed to each property owner proposed to be assessed notifying such property owner of the opportunity to be heard; the proof of publication and an affidavit of mailing are attached hereto as APPENDICES A and B, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing has been duly held on August 27, 2015, and comments and objections from all interested persons have been heard and considered as required by the terms of the Stormwater Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA THAT:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Final Assessment Resolution.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.** This Final Assessment Resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the Stormwater Code, and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.** All capitalized terms used in this Final Assessment Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Stormwater Code and the Initial Assessment Resolution.

**SECTION 4. INTERPRETATION.** Unless the context indicates otherwise, words importing the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa; the terms "hereof," "hereby," "herein," "hereto," "hereunder" and similar terms refer to this resolution; and the term "hereafter" means after, and the term "heretofore" means before, the effective date of this resolution. Words of any gender include the correlative words of the other genders, unless the sense indicates otherwise.

**SECTION 5. CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION, STORMWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS.** It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that the Initial Assessment Resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed. The Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan and Stormwater Improvements funded by

imposition of the Stormwater Improvement Assessments and as described in the Initial Assessment Resolution are hereby approved.

**SECTION 6. CLASSIFICATION OF TAX PARCELS.** Each Tax Parcel located within the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area has been assigned a classification consistent with the provisions of the Initial Assessment Resolution by the method set forth therein.

**SECTION 7. CENTRAL AND LOWER BASIN IMPROVEMENT AREA.** The Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area is hereby created as a "Stormwater Improvement Area" within the meaning of Section 21-4 of the Stormwater Code to include the property described in the Initial Assessment Resolution.

**SECTION 8. APPROVAL OF STORMWATER ROLL.** The Stormwater Roll for the Stormwater Improvement Assessments, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference and has been maintained and available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office as well as present or available for inspection at the above-referenced public hearing, is hereby approved.

**SECTION 9. IMPOSITION OF STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS.**

(A) The Tax Parcels of Developed Property described in the Stormwater Roll are hereby found to be specially benefited by the Stormwater Improvements in the amount of the annual Stormwater Improvement Assessments set forth in the Stormwater Roll. The methodology for computing annual Stormwater Improvement Assessments described in the Initial Stormwater Improvement Assessment Resolution is hereby approved. Based upon the methodology in the Initial Assessment Resolution, Stormwater Improvement Assessments shall be imposed at the following annual rates:

<u>(October 1)</u>	<u>Amount per Equivalent Stormwater Unit (1.0 "ESU")</u>
2016	\$53.00
2017	\$61.72
2018	\$71.87
2019	\$83.70
2020	\$97.47
2021 and thereafter	\$98.00

Stormwater Improvement Assessments in the amounts set forth in the Stormwater Roll, are hereby levied and imposed on all Tax Parcels described in the Stormwater Roll.



(B) The City expects that annual Stormwater Improvement Assessments shall be imposed for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years.

**SECTION 10. COLLECTION OF STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS.** The Stormwater Improvement Assessments shall be collected pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, as provided in Section 21-132 of the Stormwater Code. The Director of the Department of Transportation and Stormwater Services is hereby authorized and directed to certify and deliver, or cause the certification and delivery of, the Stormwater Roll for the Stormwater Improvement Assessments to the Tax Collector by September 15, 2016, in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. The Stormwater Roll for the Stormwater Improvement Assessments, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantially the same form as attached hereto as APPENDIX C.

**SECTION 11. STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS.** Such Stormwater Improvement Assessments imposed within the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area listed on the Stormwater Roll described in Section 9 hereof shall constitute a lien against assessed property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims until paid. The lien for Stormwater Improvement Assessments shall be deemed perfected upon adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution. Upon perfection, the lien for Stormwater Improvement Assessments collected under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act shall attach to the property included on the Stormwater Roll as of January 1, 2016, the lien date for ad valorem taxes.

**SECTION 12. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.** The adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented herein (including, but not limited to, the apportionment methodology, the estimated Project Cost, the description of the Stormwater Improvements, the rate of assessment each year, the adoption of the Stormwater Roll and the levy and lien of Stormwater Improvement Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the effective date of this Final Assessment Resolution.

**SECTION 13. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause, section, other part or application of this Final Assessment Resolution is held by any court of competent

jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or by application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Final Assessment Resolution.

**SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Final Assessment Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Tampa, Florida on August 27, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Chair Pro-Tem, City Council

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City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

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Janice M. McLean  
Assistant City Attorney

## **APPENDIX A**

### **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**



**APPENDIX B**

**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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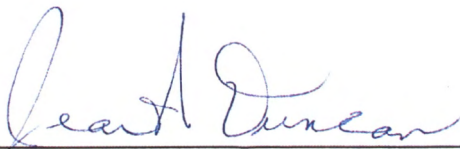
**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **JEAN W. DUNCAN, P.E.**, and **SANDI MELGAREJO** who, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. Jean W. Duncan, P.E., Director of the Department of ~~Public Works~~ *Transportation & Stormwater Services* for the City of Tampa, Florida, ("City"), pursuant to the authority and direction received from the City Council, timely directed the preparation of the Assessment Roll and the preparation, mailing, and publication of notices in accordance with Sections 21-126 and 21-127 of the City of Tampa Code.

2. Sandi Melgarejo is the Project Coordinator for GSG. GSG has caused the notices required by Sections 21-126 and 21-127 of the City of Tampa Code to be prepared. An exemplary form of such notice is attached hereto. GSG has caused such individual notices for each affected property owner to be prepared and each notice included the following information: the purpose of the assessment; the total amount proposed to be levied against each parcel; the unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment; the number of such units contained within each parcel; the total revenue the City expects to collect by the assessment; a statement that failure to pay the stormwater fee may force the City to take alternative action to collect the stormwater fee; a statement that all affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the local governing board within 20 days of the notice; and the date, time, and place of the hearing.

3. On or before July 31, 2015, GSG caused the mailing of the above-referenced notices in accordance with Sections 21-126 and 21-127 of the City of Tampa Code by First Class Mail to each affected owner, at the addresses then shown on the real property assessment tax roll database maintained by the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser for the purpose of the collection of stormwater fees.

FURTHER AFFIANTS SAYETH NOT.

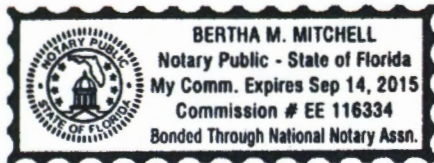
  
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JEAN W. DUNCAN, P.E.  
Affiant

  
SANDI MELGAREJO  
Affiant

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

*Transportation & Stormwater Services*

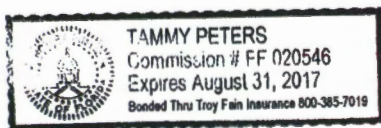
The foregoing Affidavit of Mailing was sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 by Jean W. Duncan, P.E., Director of the Department of ~~Public Works~~ for the City of Tampa, Florida. He is personally known to me or who has produced N/A as identification and did take an oath.

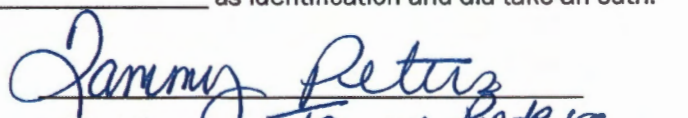


  
Printed Name: Bertha M. Mitchell  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
At Large  
My Commission Expires: September 14, 2015  
Commission No.: EE 116334

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing Affidavit of Mailing was sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015 by Sandi Melgarejo, Project Coordinator, Government Services Group, Inc., a Florida corporation. She is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did take an oath.



  
Printed Name: Tammy Peters  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
At Large  
My Commission Expires: August 31, 2017



City of Tampa  
City Council Chambers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
315 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, Florida 33602

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF  
STORMWATER SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AND  
STORMWATER FEES PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 27, 2015**

**Notice Mail Date: July 31, 2015**

SINGH PARAMJEET  
10812 BREAKING ROCKS DR  
TAMPA FL 33647-3579

Sequence # TSW-108007  
Property ID# 202711971000002000140A  
Folio # 059224.0112

**\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS NOT A BILL \*\*\*\*\***  
**THIS IS A NOTICE OF PROPOSED STORMWATER CHARGE RATE INCREASE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STORMWATER SERVICE AREA**

Dear Property Owner:

In 2003, the City Council enacted an ordinance to create a Stormwater Utility and provide a dedicated funding source for stormwater management by the City's stormwater system. Since that time, Stormwater Service Charges have been imposed on all improved property that utilizes the City's system. The Stormwater Service Assessment has been included on the property tax bill mailed each November for private property. The rate for the Stormwater charge has not been increased since 2005. The Stormwater Service Assessments are based on the estimated amount of stormwater runoff generated by impervious surface, such as roof tops, driveways, patios, parking lots, etc. on a property. The City has determined that the median single-family residence in the City includes 3,310 square feet of impervious surface, which is the value of one unit of "Equivalent Stormwater Unit" or "ESU Value." Generally, the number of ESUs has been calculated individually for each parcel of property by dividing the impervious surface area by 3,310 square feet. Because the Stormwater Service Assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector of Hillsborough County, pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, failure to pay the Stormwater Service Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property, which may result in a lien on the title to your property.

**You are receiving this notification because you own property in the Stormwater Service Area and the City initiated efforts to improve its stormwater system operation and maintenance services which requires an increase in the charges. The current rate is \$36.00 per ESU. The proposed maximum Stormwater Service Assessment rate will be \$82.00 for each ESU annually, commencing with the property tax bill mailed in November 2015. The estimated amount to be collected by the City annually is \$14,122,204 and will be used for increased activities for the operation and maintenance of the City's stormwater system, planning for future stormwater improvements, to implement improvements with citywide benefits and other related costs permitted under the ordinance.**

Information related to credits for stormwater mitigation can be obtained by calling (813) 274-3101.

The following provides information about the above parcel:

**Number of ESUs: 1.49**

**Maximum Annual Stormwater Service Assessment: \$122.18**

**You have an opportunity to provide comments for City Council consideration at a public hearing to be held at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on August 27, 2015, in the Tampa City Council Chambers in Old City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, located at 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida, on the proposed increase.** You may also file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. Please include your name and parcel number on all correspondence and address as follows: Stormwater Division; Comments to Non-ad Valorem Assessments; 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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, if you need a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, please contact the City Clerk at (813) 274-8397 at least 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for assistance.

If you have any questions regarding the number of ESUs assigned to your property or the amount of the Stormwater Service Assessment, please contact the Stormwater Division by telephone at (813) 274-3101.



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315 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, Florida 33602

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF  
STORMWATER FEES AND PROPOSED RATE  
INCREASE**

**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 27, 2015**

**Notice Mail Date: July 31, 2015**

UNIVERSITY DIAGNOSTIC INSTITUTE  
3301 USF ALUMNI DR  
TAMPA FL 33612-9413

Sequence # TSW-109634  
Property ID# 1928081HK000000AS0000A  
Folio # 036499.1020

\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS NOT A BILL \*\*\*\*\*

**THIS IS A NOTICE OF PROPOSED STORMWATER CHARGE RATE INCREASE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Dear Government Property Owner:

In 2003, the City Council enacted an ordinance to create a Stormwater Utility and provide a dedicated funding source for stormwater management by the City's stormwater system. Since that time, Stormwater Service Charges have been imposed on all improved property that utilizes the City's system. The rate for the Stormwater fees (which is part of the stormwater service charges) has not been increased since 2005. The Stormwater Fee is based on the estimated amount of stormwater runoff generated by impervious surface, such as roof tops, driveways, patios, parking lots, etc. on a property. The City has determined that the median single-family residence in the City includes 3,310 square feet of impervious surface, which is the value of one unit of "Equivalent Stormwater Unit" or "ESU Value." Generally, the number of ESUs has been calculated individually for each parcel of property by dividing the impervious surface area by 3,310 square feet. The Stormwater Fee will be collected for government property by a separate bill to be mailed in November. Failure to pay the Stormwater Fee will result in the City seeking all available legal remedies for collection.

You are receiving this notification because the City initiated efforts to improve its stormwater system operation and maintenance services which requires an increase in the charges. The current rate is \$36.00 per ESU. The proposed rate will be \$82.00 for each ESU annually for the Stormwater Fee, if approved, which would begin in October 2015. The estimated amount to be collected by the City annually is \$14,122,204 and will be used for increased activities for the operation and maintenance of the City's stormwater system, planning for future stormwater improvements, to implement improvements with citywide benefits and other related costs permitted under the ordinance.

Information related to credits for stormwater mitigation can be obtained by calling (813) 274-3101.

The following provides information about the above parcel:

**Number of ESUs: 17.77**

**Maximum Annual Stormwater Fee: \$1,457.14**

**You have an opportunity to provide comments for City Council consideration at a public hearing at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on August 27, 2015, in the Tampa City Council Chambers in Old City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, located at 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida, on the proposed increase.** You may also file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. Please include your name and parcel number on all correspondence and address as follows: Stormwater Division; Comments to Stormwater Fees; 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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, if you need a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, please contact the City Clerk at (813) 274-8397 at least 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for assistance.

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**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 27, 2015**

Notice Mail Date: July 31, 2015

DONALDSON RAE E  
435 S OREGON AVE  
APT 401  
TAMPA FL 33606-2123

Sequence # TSW-030012  
Property ID# 18292397W000000004010A  
Folio # 185152.4030

\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS NOT A BILL \*\*\*\*\*

**THIS IS A NOTICE OF PROPOSED STORMWATER CHARGE RATE INCREASE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STORMWATER SERVICE AREA**

**[PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL NOTICE OF  
PROPOSED STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT]**

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The following provides information about the above parcel:

**Number of ESUs: 0.17**

**Maximum Annual Stormwater Service Assessment: \$13.94**

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**HEARING DATE: AUGUST 27, 2015**

**Notice Mail Date: July 31, 2015**

DONALDSON RAE E  
435 S OREGON AVE  
APT 401  
TAMPA FL 33606-2123

Sequence # TSW-030012  
Property ID# 18292397W000000004010A  
Folio # 185152.4030

**THIS IS A NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A  
PROPOSED STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT  
IN THE CENTRAL AND LOWER BASIN IMPROVEMENT AREA**

Dear Property Owner:

In 2003, the City Council enacted an ordinance to create a Stormwater Utility and provide a dedicated funding source for stormwater management for the City's stormwater system. However, those funds are for the operation and maintenance of the system not for certain capital improvement projects which can help resolve larger and continuing stormwater issues.

This notice is to advise you that the City Council is proposing to implement a Stormwater Improvement Assessment which was authorized when the Stormwater Utility was created in 2003, but has never been imposed to date. A Stormwater Improvement Assessment will allow the City to construct the necessary projects sooner by financing the construction and related costs up front and paying the debt with proceeds of the Stormwater Improvement Assessments. Without this financing ability the projects would be delayed and stormwater issues will continue.

The Stormwater Service Assessment (described on the reverse side of this letter) has been imposed since 2003 on all improved property that utilizes the City's system. The Stormwater Service Assessment has been included on the property tax bill mailed each November for private property. The Stormwater Improvement Assessment would also be collected annually on the property tax bill. The Stormwater Service Assessments and the proposed Stormwater Improvement Assessments are based on the estimated amount of stormwater runoff generated by impervious surface, such as roof tops, driveways, patios, parking lots, etc. on a property. The City has determined that the median single-family residence in the City includes 3,310 square feet of impervious surface, which is the value of one unit of "Equivalent Stormwater Unit" or "ESU Value." Generally, the number of ESUs has been calculated individually for each parcel of property by dividing the impervious surface area by 3,310 square feet. Because the Stormwater Improvement Assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector of Hillsborough County starting with your November 2016 tax bill, pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, failure to pay the Stormwater Improvement Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property, which may result in a lien on the title to your property.

You are receiving this notification because you own property within the proposed Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area of the City. This area has been determined to be affected by stormwater issues which require the construction of projects to resolve the issues. The methodology to determine the Improvement Assessment rate is the same as the service assessment but imposed only within the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area. The proposed maximum rate will be \$98.04 for each ESU annually for the Stormwater Improvement Assessment if approved and it would not be placed on the property tax bill until November 2016. The estimated amount to be collected by the City annually is \$16,877,756 and will be used for projects only within the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area.

The following provides information about the above parcel:

Number of ESUs: 0.17	Maximum Annual Stormwater Improvement Assessment: \$16.67
Number of Annual Payments: 30	Total amount of all payments over 30 years: \$500.10

You have an opportunity to provide comments on the Improvement Assessment for City Council consideration at a public hearing at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on August 27, 2015, in the Tampa City Council Chambers in Old City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, located at 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida. You may also file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. Please include your name and parcel number on all correspondence and address as follows: Stormwater Division; Comments to Non-ad Valorem Assessments; 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you 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, if you need a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, please contact the City Clerk at (813) 274-8397 at least 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for assistance. If you have any questions regarding the number of ESUs assigned to your property or the amount of the Stormwater Improvement Assessment, please contact the Stormwater Division by telephone at (813) 274-3101. Information related to credits for stormwater mitigation can be obtained by calling (813) 274-3101.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**CERTIFICATE  
TO  
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chair of the City Council or authorized agent of \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Tampa  
(name of local government)

located in Hillsborough County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Total Record Count	_____
Zeroed Item Count	_____
Assessment Record Count	_____
Total Assessment	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair of the Council or Authorized Agent)  
of the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida



**Tampa Bay Times**  
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STATE OF FLORIDA ) ss  
COUNTY OF Hillsborough County

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Aaron Alvarez who on oath says that he/she is Legal Clerk of the Tampa Bay Times a daily newspaper printed in St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter RE: RESOLUTION 2015-556 was published in Tampa Bay Times: 7/30/15. in said newspaper in the issues of B Tampa

Affiant further says the said Tampa Bay Times is a newspaper published in Hillsborough County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Hillsborough County, Florida, each day and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in said Hillsborough County, Florida for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he/she neither paid not promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 07/30/2015.

Signature of Notary Public

Personally known ☒ or produced identification

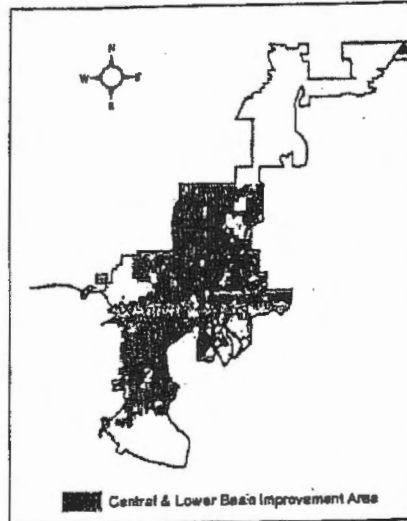
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KATHLEEN J. KLAKE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
Comm# EE203640  
Expires 6/20/2016

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-557**

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE A STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE PROPOSED CENTRAL AND LOWER BASIN IMPROVEMENT AREA AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT.



Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 21-128 of the City of Tampa Code, the City Council of the City of Tampa, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to receive written comments and hear testimony from all interested persons regarding adoption of the Final Stormwater Improvement Assessment Resolution for the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area depicted in the map above. The hearing will be held at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, August 27, 2015, in the Tampa City Council Chambers located at 315 E Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida, 33602.

Note that the Stormwater Improvement Assessment is proposed to pay for costs related to the construction and financing of the City's Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan in the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area. The Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan involves constructing the projects necessary to address ongoing stormwater issues such as flooding and water quality within the Central and Lower Basin Improvement Area. This Stormwater Improvement Assessment is to be imposed in addition to the City-wide Stormwater Service Assessment (which funds Stormwater Management Services City-wide). The Stormwater Improvement Assessment is proposed to be in place for a period of thirty years commencing with the property tax bill mailed in November 2016.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at (813) 274-6397 at least 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers, 850-435-1666 (TDD) or 850-435-1803 (Voice), for assistance. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council. All written objections to the Stormwater Improvement Assessments must be filed with the City Council of Tampa within twenty (20) days of this notice. Please include your name, lot number, and the reason you object to the Stormwater Improvement Assessments on all written objections. Address all written objections as follows: Director of Transportation and Stormwater Services; Attention: Chief Engineer, Stormwater Division, Department of Transportation and Stormwater Services RE: Objections to Stormwater Improvement Assessments; 306 E Jackson Street, Sixth floor North, Tampa, Florida 33602. ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY WISH TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE.

THE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND FAILURE TO PAY THE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT WILL CAUSE A TAX CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THE ASSESSED PROPERTY WHICH MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF TITLE TO YOUR PROPERTY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHIEF ENGINEER, STORMWATER DIVISION OR HIS DESIGNEE AT (813) 274-3101.

THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT SAID HEARING.

SHIRLEY FOXX - KNOWLES, CMC  
CITY CLERK