

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Interim Fire Assessment Collection

The fire assessment provides funding for fire protection services to the community. Several dangers exist during the construction process which could contribute to a high risk of fire incidents. Typically, construction sites do not have fully operational fire protection features because of the various stages in the building process. For example, fire protection features such as fire hydrants, fire alarms, and fire sprinkler systems may not be installed or active until the end of the project build. As a result, this situation causes an increased risk to the community and requires additional resources to mitigate the hazard.

Per the Marion County Code of Ordinances Section 17-223, an interim fire assessment shall be imposed against all property for which a building permit is issued. The interim assessment shall be a calculation of the pro rata amount for the remaining days in the current calendar year. Permits that are issued will be assessed the assessment using the current adopted resolution by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. In addition to the collection of interim assessments, an estimation of the annual fire assessment shall be provided to the applicant.

Effective November 01, 2020, interim fire assessments will be collected for all applicable new permits starting on this date. In accordance with established practices for all other permits in Marion County, an interim fire assessment is collected at the time of permit issuance. The Marion County Property Appraiser will review construction projects in December of each year. Once reviewed by the Marion County Property Appraiser, properties will have fire assessments collected as part of the annual tax bill.

For more information on fire assessments, please review Marion County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Article V, Section 17-233 Interim Assessments. The document can be viewed online at

https://library.municode.com/fl/marion_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH17SPAS_ARTVFIREAS_DIV1GE_S17-191DE. Please feel free to contact Marion County Fire Rescue Prevention Division at 352-291-8000 with any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Original Letter Signed (on file)

James Banta, Fire Chief Marion County Fire Rescue