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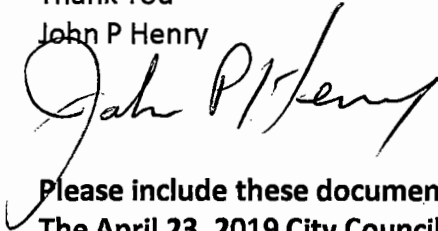
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4/22/19

Mayor Holic and Venice City Council:

Attached are copies of e-mails and attachments that I recently sent you regarding the proposed transition from the Sarasota County EMS District to a service run by the Venice Fire Department that is scheduled to be acted on today. I urge you to take no action today and to seek legal advice on the process, consequences and costs of the City exiting the Sarasota County Emergency Service District. One important issue to have addressed is the debt that the district has incurred. In a limited search I could not find an example of this being done before. Union school districts do split up from time to time and I have first hand knowledge of that nightmare.

Thank You

John P Henry

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

**Please include these documents in the official City Of Venice records for  
The April 23, 2019 City Council meeting.**



**From:** John Henry jphenry585@gmail.com  
**Subject:** EMS take-over Please make this email part of the Official City Record.  
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IN Regard to ambulance takeover.

I was a Selectman for 7 years in a small town in MA and have a financial background which includes being a CPA and the retired CFO of Ocean Spray Cranberries. We did not have a Town Manager and therefore The Chairman of the Board, a position I held for several years, was heavily involved with day to day management of the Police, fire and public works departments. Our ambulance services were provided primarily by a private company but supplemented by mutual aid agreements with surrounding municipalities. The private service became very expensive and mutual aid partners were putting pressure on us to upgrade our capabilities. MA Counties provide very little in terms of services. We met with surrounding towns to try and form a combined department. Our Fire Chief naïve and in self-preservation argued against it, using scare tactics such as reduced services and increased response time.

Town Meeting bought his argument and we entered the ambulance business.

**Reality hit quickly, most of the costs of running an ambulance service are fixed including the biggest two, labor and equipment. We did not have enough call volume. This was compounded by the number of non-transport calls and the vast majority of those that were transported being insured by Medicare and/or Medicaid. Fire trucks responded to all calls.**

Like Obama care or not, there is something to learn from it and it is basically insurance 101.

Risk has to be spread over as many people as possible to keep the costs affordable for everybody. **You need the young and healthy to subsidize the old and sickly. The median age of Venice residents is 67, Sarasota County, including Venice 52.** Granted there are many non-taxpayers in the County population but the point is valid. The vast majority of transports in Venice are covered by Medicare and there are many non-transporters.

Please do not make the mistake we did. **Don't let some false sense of urgency rush you into a hasty decision. This decision is huge and if I were you, I would want the voters to make it or at a minimum, the incoming Mayor and Commissioners.**

Questions to ask yourselves:

Should we consider the reverse, combining our fire department with the county?

Have I been provided **adequate information** to make a decision at this time?

Have I spent enough time to **understand the information** provided?

How reliable and **independent** is the **Chief's handpicked consultant's report.**

Has **the Finance Department officially reviewed** all the information including **five-year projections** and given a written acceptance?

**Has the Legal Department given me a written review of the complexities involved in withdrawing from the Sarasota County Emergency Benefit Unit taxing district?**

Am I convinced that the **taxpayers** of Venice will not be **paying twice for EMS service**? Is the county just going to let their revenue go? What about their sunk costs? Are we on the hook for any long-term debt?

Has the **City Manager** provided a written report on his meeting with the county he was instructed to set up and attend? Has he provided a written recommendation?

Has anybody provided me with an analysis of North Port's budget for comparison to the Chief's limited projections? Interestingly their 2019 total personnel budget for **fire and rescue** is \$8,687,150 Venice's **fire alone** is \$7,365,865.

**I firmly believe, that in order to meet your fiduciary responsibilities to the Venice taxpayers, more due diligence by you, the Finance Depart and Legal is mandatory before making this leap into the unknown.**

Thank You  
John P Henry

**From:** John Henry jphenry585@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Venice obligations to the Sarasota Emergency Services District  
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Here is some info on the District. I don't know what it means to the city but if I was in your shoes I would want to know before buying into this. Why has Legal not reviewed this? Or if they have shouldn't the voters know what their opinion is?  
Thank You For Serving it is a thankless job.



John Henry Sarasota County

**ARTICLE XII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT <sup>1101</sup>**

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**Sec. 110-540. Findings of fact.**

- (a) Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, F.S. §§ 125.01 and 125.66, and the Sarasota County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") has all the powers of local self-government to perform County functions, municipal functions and to render ambulance and emergency medical/rescue services for County purposes in a manner not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors, and such power may be exercised by the enactment of County ordinances. The Board has the authority to establish, merge or abolish municipal service taxing units or benefit units pursuant to F.S. § 125.01(1)(g) and the Sarasota County Charter.
- (b) Pursuant to the above authorities, the Board has elected to establish a municipal service taxing unit which shall be known as the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services District (hereinafter "district") to provide Emergency Medical Services, an essential municipal service, throughout unincorporated Sarasota County and, pursuant to consent by ordinance of the governing bodies, throughout the municipal boundaries of the City of Sarasota and the City of Venice.
- (c) Since its inception in 1985 through fiscal year 2003, the district (previously known as the "ambulance district") has been funded pursuant to a non-ad valorem assessment methodology adopted by the Board.
- (d) Commencing with fiscal year 2004, the district shall be funded through the levy of an ad valorem tax for municipal purposes.
- (e) In order to minimize confusion, reduce administrative burdens, and to provide that all taxable property, real and tangible, within the district contributes to the costs incurred by the district, the ad valorem levy authorized by this article shall be imposed on all taxable property, including real and tangible personal property.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 2, 12-17-2002)*

**Sec. 110-541. Short title.**

This article shall be known and cited as "The Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services District Ordinance."

**Sec. 110-542. Definitions.**

(a) *General definitions.*

*Annual budget* shall mean the budget adopted annually by the governing body and which shall be adopted as part of the annual County budget.

*Board or governing body* shall mean the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida.

*Board of Advisors* shall mean the Emergency Medical Services District Board Advisors as established pursuant to further provisions of this article.

*City of Sarasota Service Area* shall mean that area within the municipal boundaries of the City of Sarasota.

*City of Venice Service Area* shall mean that area within the municipal boundaries of the City of Venice.

*County* shall mean the County of Sarasota, Florida.

*District* shall mean the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services District.

*Emergency medical service* shall mean the provision of emergency medical service on a 24-hour basis to provide for emergency first aid and moving of sick or injured persons from their homes or the scene of an accident or other illness or injury to any recognized hospital or medical doctor's office for treatment of such illness or injury.

*Fiscal year* shall mean that period commencing October 1 of each year and continuing through the next succeeding September 30, or such other period as may be prescribed by law as the fiscal year for the County.

*Governing body* shall mean and refer to the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida.

*Governmental use* shall mean and refer to the use of property exclusively for public purposes by, and which property is owned or leased by, any department or branch of any local government unit, State government or the federal government.

*Property Appraiser* shall mean the Sarasota County Property Appraiser.

*Tax Collector* shall mean the Sarasota County Tax Collector.

*Tax roll* shall mean the ad valorem tax assessment roll maintained by the Property Appraiser for the purpose of the levy and the collection of ad valorem taxes.

*Tax year* shall mean that period commencing January 1 of each year and continuing through the next succeeding December 31.

(b) *Impact fee definitions.*

*Building permit* shall mean the permit required for new construction and additions pursuant to Section 15.2 of the Sarasota County Zoning Ordinance, as amended (Appendix A to this Code), and Division A, Section A3, of the Sarasota County Land Development Regulations, as amended (Section 74-5 of this Code).

*Development* shall have the meaning given it in F.S. Section 380.04.

*Dwelling unit* shall mean a room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping entity, for owner occupancy or rental or lease on a daily, weekly, monthly, or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure and containing sleeping and sanitary facilities. The term "dwelling unit", as used in this article, shall be deemed to include a mobile home permitted space or lot, a travel trailer permitted space or lot, and a hotel or motel room.

*Gross floor area (GFA)* shall mean, for the purposes of calculating impact fees, the sum (in square feet) of the area of each floor level, including cellars, basements, mezzanines, penthouses, corridors, lobbies, stores, and offices, that are within the principal outside faces of exterior walls, not including architectural setbacks or projections.

Included are all areas that have floor surfaces with clear standing head room (six feet six inches, minimum) regardless of their use. If a ground level area, or part thereof, within the principal outside faces of the exterior walls is not enclosed, this GFA is considered part of the overall square footage of the building. However, unroofed areas and unenclosed roofed-over spaces, except those contained within the principal outside faces of exterior walls, should be excluded from the area calculations. For purposes of this ordinance, the GFA of any parking garages within the building shall not be included within the GFA of the entire building.

*Impact fee* shall mean a monetary exaction imposed on a pro rata basis for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the capital costs incurred in providing emergency medical services, as defined in this article, related to new development.

*Mobile home* shall mean a detached single-family dwelling unit with all the following characteristics: (1) designed for long term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath, and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems; (2) designed for transportation after fabrication on streets or highways on its own wheels; and (3) arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete, including major appliances and furniture, and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on jacks or other temporary or permanent foundations, connection to utilities and the like. A travel trailer is not to be considered a mobile home.

*Mobile home development* shall mean any development for use by mobile homes, as defined in this article.

*New facilities* shall mean land, buildings and capital equipment, including, but not limited to, emergency rescue vehicles, equipment for domestic preparedness/weapons of mass destruction/terrorism, and radio-telemetry equipment.

*Nonresidential development* shall mean, for the purposes of calculating impact Fees, all uses other than residential uses as specified in the Florida Building Code, 2001, as amended from time to time, and shall include, but is not limited to, the following use categories: Assembly, business, education, factory/industrial, hazardous, institutional, mercantile and storage.

*Permitted space or lot* shall, for the purposes of impact fees, mean a lot or parcel of ground, within a travel trailer development, as defined in this article, or within a mobile home development, as defined in this article, designated for the accommodation of not more than one travel trailer, as defined in this article, or one mobile home, as defined in this article.

*Residential development* shall, for the purposes of calculating impact fees, include those uses specified as residential in the Florida Building Code, 2001, as amended from time to time.

*Service area* shall mean that specific geographic area, the boundaries of which are either unincorporated Sarasota County, the City of Sarasota or the City of Venice, as referenced in this article.

*Travel trailer* shall, for the purposes of calculating impact fees, mean motor vehicles in F.S. § 320.01(1)(b).

*Travel trailer development* shall, for the purposes of calculating impact fees, mean development for use by travel trailers, as defined in this article.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 4, 12-17-2002; Ord. No 2007-037, § 2, 4-25-2007)

### **Sec. 110-543. Creation of municipal service taxing unit.**

There is hereby created a municipal services taxing unit to be named the Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services District, hereinafter referred to as the "District", which shall include all of unincorporated Sarasota County and those municipalities whose governing body has consented by ordinance to be included in the District.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 5, 12-17-2002)

### **Sec. 110-544. Consent of municipalities.**

Pursuant to F.S. § 125.01(1)(q), the district shall include those municipalities whose governing body has consented by ordinance to the inclusion of its respective municipality in the boundaries of the district.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 6, 12-17-2002)

### **Sec. 110-545. Governing body.**

The governing body of the district shall be the Board, which shall meet from time to time as the Board may determine. Notice of such meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation as required by general law. The governing body may recess any meeting so called to a subsequent fixed time and date or dates. The Clerk of the Board shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the governing body and shall keep all records of the district. The governing body shall carry out its responsibilities through the County Administrator, who shall have responsibility for the executive management of the district.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 7, 12-17-2002)

### **Sec. 110-546. Powers and duties.**

- (a) The Board shall provide emergency medical services within the district pursuant to the provisions of this article.
- (b) In order to provide emergency medical services within the District, the Board shall have all of the powers granted by the Sarasota County Charter and the general laws of the State of Florida as may be necessary or proper to carry out the intent and purpose of the district. The Board shall, in addition thereto, have the following specific powers and duties:
  - (1) To adopt an annual budget, which shall be considered and adopted as part of the annual County budget.
  - (2) To pay all costs of the district including, but not limited to, costs for emergency medical services as provided by the Sarasota County Fire Department, and costs incurred by the County for the construction, acquisition, improvement and operation of emergency medical service facilities and equipment required within the district.
  - (3) To borrow money for the purposes of the district, provided that any borrowing shall comply with the limitations and requirements of the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.
  - (4) To enter into contracts with other fire districts, municipalities, and State and federal governmental units for the purposes of obtaining financial aid, assistance or benefits, expanding services, and for otherwise carrying out the purposes of the district.
  - (5) The duty, right power and authority to annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax for municipal services against all taxable real property within its territorial bounds in order to provide funds for the purposes of the district.
  - (6) To levy and collect impact fees, as defined in this article, and to increase or decrease the district's impact fees from time to time by ordinance without referendum election.
  - (7) To establish reasonable user fees for emergency medical services and to take legal action to collect said fees.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 8, 12-17-2002)

### **Sec. 110-547. Advisory Board.**

The Emergency Medical Services Board of Advisors is hereby dissolved. The Board may create a joint Fire-Rescue/Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board by resolution.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 9, 12-17-2002; Ord. No. 2011-042, § 2, 10-12-2011)

### **Sec. 110-548. Authority and functions of Sarasota County Fire Department.**

Under the direction of the County Administrator, the Chief of the Sarasota County Fire Department shall have the authority to enter upon any lands, premises or property within the district for the purposes necessary to carry out the objectives of this article, and in addition shall perform the following functions:

- (1) Provide all emergency medical service to the district.
- (2) Recommend to the governing body an annual budget for the provision of emergency medical service within the district.

- (3) Purchase, pursuant to County ordinances and procedures, all necessary emergency medical service equipment and other equipment necessary to carry out the purposes of the district.
- (4) Administer, pursuant to County ordinances and procedures, the employment and training of all Sarasota County Fire Department personnel as may be necessary to provide emergency medical service within the district.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 10, 12-17-2002)*

**Sec. 110-549. Funds of the district.**

Funds of the district shall be deposited in the name of the district in a bank authorized to receive deposits of County funds. No funds of the district shall be paid or disbursed save and except by check. The governing body shall have the books and records of the district audited immediately after the end of the fiscal year by a certified public accountant licensed to do business in the State. The audit shall be in conjunction with the audit of the County books and records and the statements shall be included in the County's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The CAFR shall be filed with the official records of the Board and shall be available for public inspection. The governing body shall prepare and publish an annual budget for the district in conjunction with the annual budget for the Board as required by F.S. ch. 129. No funds of the district shall be used for any purposes other than the provision of emergency medical services, as defined in this article, as the governing body may from time to time determine to be in the best interest of the district. The district shall expend its funds in accordance with the requirements of law generally applicable to County government unless otherwise provided in this article. The fiscal year for the district shall be October 1 to September 30.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 11, 12-17-2002)*

**Sec. 110-550. Authority to levy tax.**

Commencing with the 2003 tax levy, the Board shall have the authority to annually assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax for municipal purposes upon all taxable real and tangible personal property within the district, which tax shall be in addition to all other taxes levied and assessed for state, county and municipal purposes. No referendum is required for the assessment, levy and collection of the ad valorem tax authorized under this article.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 12, 12-17-2002)*

**Sec. 110-551. Authority to levy and collect impact fees.**

- (a) For purposes of the levy and collection of impact fees within the district, the district is divided into three service areas: (1) Unincorporated Sarasota County, (2) the City of Sarasota and (3) the City of Venice.
- (b) It is found and determined that the district is located in service areas that are experiencing some of the highest growth rates in the nation. New construction and resulting population growth have placed a strain upon the capabilities of the district to continue providing the high level of professional emergency services for the residents of the district. The emergency medical service impact fees established by this section are one part of an overall County growth management program as set forth in the County Comprehensive Plan.
- (c) It is declared that the cost of new facilities for emergency medical service should be borne by new users of the district's services to the extent new construction requires new facilities. It is the legislative intent for this section to transfer to the new user of the district's emergency medical services a fair share of the costs new users impose on the district for new facilities.
- (d) It is declared that the amounts of the impact fees provided for in this section are based on the technical analysis contained in "Impact Fee Study: Phase II," March 2007. In lieu of impact fees, a municipality located within the EMS District may, by interlocal agreement with the County, fund any new facilities needed for emergency medical services within its service area as a result of growth through an alternate funding source. The following additional findings are made:
  - (1) The amounts of the impact fees provided for in this section are just, reasonable and equitable.
  - (2) The Board sitting as the Sarasota County Land Development Regulation Commission has reviewed this proposed Article XII, Chapter 110, of the Sarasota County Code and has found that it is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.
- (e) Subject to subsection (d) above, no person shall obtain a building permit for new or additional residential



dwelling units or new or additional nonresidential development within any service area, or obtain construction plan approval for new or additional mobile home or travel trailer developments located within any service area, until the developer thereof has paid the applicable impact fee to that service area. The impact fees due may be adjusted by the Board in compliance with the provisions of this article. The district impact fees shall be as follows:

- (1) The fee schedule in this subsection (e)(1), is applicable to all land uses for building permits on or after December 20, 2002, but prior to July 24, 2007, as set forth below:
  - a. New or additional residential development: \$48.00 per dwelling unit.
  - b. New or additional nonresidential development: \$0.04 per square foot of gross floor area.
  - c. New or additional permitted space in travel trailer developments: \$24.00 per dwelling unit.
- (2) 2007 fee schedule. The fee schedule in this subsection (e)(2) is applicable to All Land Uses for building permits on or after July 24, 2007.

Land Use	Development Unit	Impact Fee per Development Unit
Residential, Less than 500 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$60
Residential, 500 - 749 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$71
Residential, 750 - 999 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$80
Residential, 1,000 - 1,249 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$87
Residential, 1,250 - 1,499 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$93
Residential, 1,500 - 1,999 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$101
Residential, 2,000 - 2,999 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$114
Residential, 3,000 - 3,999 sq. ft. Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$128
Residential, 4,000 sq. ft. or more Living Area	1 Dwelling Unit	\$139
Mobile Home	1 Dwelling Unit	\$76
Travel Trailer Development	1 space	\$76
Hotel/Motel	1 room	\$61
General Retail/Commercial	1,000 sq. ft.	\$149
Office	1,000 sq. ft.	\$60
Public/Institutional	1,000 sq. ft.	\$60
Industrial	1,000 sq. ft.	\$36
Warehouse	1,000 sq. ft.	\$22

- (3) Waiving Impact Fees within the Sarasota County/City of Sarasota Enterprise Zone. New or additional residential, nonresidential, and new or additional permitted space in travel trailer developments located within the Sarasota County/City of Sarasota Enterprise Zone established by Sarasota County Resolution No. 2001-079, as amended, and as further described in the Enterprise Zone Plan, as amended, shall not be obligated to pay the applicable emergency medical services impact fee.
- (4) The value of dedicated land, construction, or equipment contributed as a condition of development approval for emergency medical service purposes shall be credited against the amount of emergency medical services impact fees due.
- (f) Any impact fees from the City of Sarasota Service Area and the City of Venice Service Area shall be collected by the respective municipality and forwarded to the County. The Impact Fees collected by the District pursuant to this section shall be kept as a separate fund from other revenues of the District, and shall be used exclusively for the acquisition, purchase or construction of New Facilities or portions thereof required to provide emergency medical services to new construction. Within this separate fund, the Impact Fees collected from each Service Area shall be kept separate from the Impact Fees collected from the other Service Areas and shall be used only for the acquisition, purchase or construction of New Facilities or portions thereof located in the respective service area. Impact fees shall not be used for the acquisition, purchase, or construction of facilities which must be obtained in any event, regardless of growth within the District, except to the extent that such facilities are attributable to the new construction. The Governing Body shall maintain adequate records to ensure that Impact Fees are expended only for permissible New Facilities.
- (g) The Governing Body may increase or decrease the Impact Fees provided herein from time to time by ordinance without referendum election.
- (h) Obtaining a Building Permit in violation of the provisions of subsection (e) of this section by means of

misrepresentation, deceit or otherwise shall constitute a violation of this article punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or imprisonment in the County jail for a term not to exceed 60 days. The District may, notwithstanding the foregoing criminal penalties, obtain an injunction or other legal or equitable relief in the Circuit Court against any person violating subsection (e) of this section, and if such litigation is terminated in favor of the District, the District shall be entitled to its costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

- (i) The Governing Body shall review the amount of the Emergency Medical Services District Impact Fees annually prior to adoption of the County budget.
  - (1) Prior to February 1 each year, the County Administrator shall prepare a report to the Board on the subject of Emergency Medical Services Impact Fees, which report shall incorporate:
    - a. Recommendations on amendments, if appropriate, to this article;
    - b. Proposed changes to the Impact Fee calculation methodology;
    - c. Proposed changes to the Impact Fee calculation variables;
    - d. Proposed changes to the Impact Fee rates or schedules.
  - (2) The County Administrator, in preparing the annual report, shall obtain and review the following information:
    - a. A statement from the County Finance Department, summarizing Impact Fees collected and disbursed during the preceding fiscal year by Emergency Medical Services Facility;
    - b. A statement from the Emergency Services Business Center summarizing Emergency Medical Services Facility projects initiated and completed during the preceding fiscal year by the County;
    - c. A statement from the Planning and Development Services Business Center summarizing the Certificate of Occupancy or Building Permits issued, by type of Principal Residential Use, during the preceding fiscal year;
    - d. A statement from the Planning and Development Services Business Center that the Emergency Medical Services Facility projects undertaken with Impact Fee funds are consistent with the adopted Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Comprehensive Plan.
  - (3) Based on the annual report and such other factors as the Board deems relevant and appropriate, the Board may amend this article.
  - (4) Nothing herein precludes the Board or limits its discretion to amend this article at such other times as may be deemed necessary.
- (j) The County, City of Sarasota and the City of Venice may by resolution or interlocal agreement establish administrative fees to cover their respective costs related to the collection of impact fees. Said administrative fees shall be in addition to and separate from the impact fees and shall reflect actual costs of administering the emergency medical services impact fee collection system.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 13, 12-17-2002; Ord. No. 2004-029, § 3, 2-11-2004; Ord. No. 2007-037, § 3, 4-25-2007; Ord. No. 2008-093, § 2, 8-26-2008)*

### **Sec. 110-552. Collection and use of funds.**

The ad valorem tax authorized under this article shall be levied and collected in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment, equalization, and collection of other County taxes. The Board shall assess and have collected from all land within said District the taxes as herein provided. The Property Appraiser and Tax Collector shall each receive compensation for their services in accordance with general law. The Tax Collector shall immediately upon receipt of taxes paid under the provisions of this article disburse the same to the Clerk of the Board for use by the Board in the manner provided by this article. Such funds shall be placed in a separate fund to be known as the "Sarasota County Emergency Medical Services District Fund". The governing body is authorized and empowered to expend and use the moneys collected under the taxing provisions of this article to carry out the intent and purpose of this article for ambulance service.

*(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 14, 12-17-2002)*

### **Sec. 110-553. Term of existence.**

The district shall continue to exist until dissolved in accordance with law. Should any part of the lands included in the district established pursuant to this article be held not to be included therein, then the provisions of this article shall continue in effect as to the balance of said lands.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 15, 12-17-2002)

**Sec. 110-554. Claims against the district.**

No suit or action or proceeding shall be instituted or maintained in any court against the district or the governing body, or any member of the governing body, for or upon any claim, right or demand, unless claimant has complied with the Sarasota County Ordinance No. 75-25, as same may be from time to time amended.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 16, 12-17-2002)

**Sec. 110-555. Rights, rules, regulations and policies preserved.**

All property, lawful rights and obligations of the South County Ambulance Service District created pursuant to Sarasota County Ordinance 76-54 and the Englewood Ambulance Service District created by Sarasota County Ordinance 82-29 shall become the property, rights and obligations of Sarasota County. All rules, regulations and policies of the prior districts shall continue in effect until repealed under the authority of this article. All prior contract rights shall be preserved and be enforceable by and against Sarasota County.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 17, 12-17-2002)

**Sec. 110-556. Liberal construction.**

This article shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes hereof.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 18, 12-17-2002)

**Sec. 110-557. Conflict.**

Commencing with the 2003 tax levy for fiscal year 2004 funding, to the extent this article conflicts with Ordinance No. 88-055, as amended, the provisions of this article shall control.

(Ord. No. 2002-091, § 19, 12-17-2002)

**Secs. 110-558, 110-559. Reserved.**

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FOOTNOTE(S):

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**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 2002-091, §§ 1—19, adopted Dec. 17, 2002, amended the Code by adding provisions designated as Art. XII, §§ 110-540—110-557. See the Code Comparative Table. ([Back](#))

**Sec. 110-553. Term of existence.**

The district shall continue to exist until dissolved in accordance with law. Should any part of the lands .

included in the district established pursuant to this article be held not to be included therein, then the provisions of this article shall continue in effect as to the balance of said lands.



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### Capital Budgetary Summary

Project Title	Appropriated To Date	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2020 Planned	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Projected	Future Funding	Total Estimated Cost
<b>Emergency Communications</b>								
Next Generation 9-1-1 Phase II	-	700,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	50,000	-	1,250,000
Upgrade & Update 800 MHZ Emergency Communications System	15,345,662	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,345,662
<b>Emergency Communications Total</b>	<b>15,345,662</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,595,662</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>								
Hardened Emergency Evacuation Center Space	-	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,000,000
<b>Emergency Management Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Fire and Rescue</b>								
Fire Station - Apex Road	1,499,270	7,087,930	-	-	-	-	-	8,587,200
Fire Station - Bee Ridge Road	-	5,332,315	-	-	-	-	-	5,332,315
<b>Fire and Rescue Total</b>	<b>1,499,270</b>	<b>12,420,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,919,515</b>
<b>Total Estimated CIP Project Cost</b>	<b>16,844,932</b>	<b>16,120,245</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,515,177</b>
<b>Total CIP Budgetary Cost</b>	<b>16,844,932</b>	<b>16,120,245</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,515,177</b>



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### Capital Funding Summary

Funding Source	Appropriated To Date	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2020 Planned	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Projected	5 Year Total	Programmed Funding
<b>Current Revenues</b>								
Emergency Services Impact Fees	494,760	562,255	-	-	-	-	562,255	1,057,015
Fire Impact Fees	1,004,510	1,124,513	-	-	-	-	1,124,513	2,129,023
Gen Govt Infrastructure Surtax III (09-24)	600,000	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,600,000
Local Grants	87,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,483
Stormwater Assessments	57,669	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,669
User Charges	-	700,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	50,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Utility Rates	179,510	-	-	-	-	-	-	179,510
Funding Source Total	2,423,932	5,386,768	200,000	200,000	100,000	50,000	5,936,768	8,360,700
<b>Non-Current Rev - Long Term Debt Obligation</b>								
Gen Govt Infrastructure Surtax III (09-24)	12,031,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,031,621
Funding Source Total	12,031,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,031,621
<b>Non-Current Rev - Short Term Debt Obligation</b>								
Assessments	-	10,733,477	-	-	-	-	10,733,477	10,733,477
Gen Govt Infrastructure Surtax III (09-24)	1,968,379	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,968,379
General Fund Revenues	421,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	421,000
Funding Source Total	2,389,379	10,733,477	-	-	-	-	10,733,477	13,122,856
Total CIP Project Funding	16,844,932	16,120,245	200,000	200,000	100,000	50,000	16,670,245	33,515,177
Total CIP Funding	16,844,932	16,120,245	200,000	200,000	100,000	50,000	16,670,245	33,515,177

\*Refer to Volume II - Capital Improvement Program for detail project information