



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

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The Honorable Shane Taylor
Mayor, Town of Oakland
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I am writing to inform you that yesterday, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted to support a millage increase to the Fire Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) rate. The existing rate of 2.2437 is proposed to increase by 0.6, bringing the new MSTU rate to 2.8437 for the upcoming FY 2024-25 budget.

The millage increase is essential to ensure that we can continue to provide the high-quality services that our residents expect. These include building new fire stations that increase the reliability of existing fire stations, replacing aging infrastructure and apparatus, and establishing the capacity to maintain a competitive wage with surrounding fire departments. This measure is necessary to meet the rigors of our Insurance Services Office (ISO) Classification One, Accredited, and All-Hazards Response Fire Department.

Upon reviewing the Certification of Taxable Value (DR-420) of Orange County, the Office of Management and Budget has computed the **estimated** total payment of \$2,065,081.46. We are providing this information for consideration in planning your FY 2024-25 budget. The exact payment amount will not be available until November 2024, when the Revised Recapitulation of the Ad Valorem Assessment Rolls is computed.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter, and we value our ongoing positive working relationship with you over the years. We are dedicated to ensuring that your community remains a great place to live by providing the emergency services your residents deserve and expect.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding the MSTU rate, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Chief's Office at Donna.easton1@ocfl.net, or 407-836-9061.

Sincerely,

Anthony Rios, Ph.D.
Deputy Director

FY 2024-25
Computation of Assessments for Fire Contract
Town of Oakland

Current Year Real Property, Taxable Value	\$785,075,955
X Tentatively Approved FY 2024-25 Urban Fire/MSTU millage	2.8437
X (adjustment for mills)	<u>0.001</u>
Subtotal:	\$2,232,520.49
X Percentage to be remitted:	92.5%
Total Estimated for FY 2024-25:	\$2,065,081.46