



City of Fort Myers Fire Service Assessment Frequently Asked Questions:

Is the Fire Service Assessment new?

No. The City of Fort Myers has maintained a fire service assessment since 2015. The City of Fort Myers adopted a fire service assessment to diversify revenues to fund a portion of fire rescue operations without solely depending on property taxes that fund the general government operations fund.

What is the purpose the Fire Service Assessment?

The purpose of the fire service assessment is to pay for fire services, facilities, and programs for properties within the City of Fort Myers. City of Fort Myers residents, businesses and visitors benefit from high-quality fire department with full-service fire and rescue capabilities including Fire Suppression, Medical First Response, Fire Prevention, Public Education, Extrication, Hazardous Material Operations, Disaster Response Mitigation and Emergency Management.

How does the Fire Service Assessment benefit me?

Revenue from the fire service assessment funds will be utilized to help improve the Fire Department's low staffing levels and replace old and obsolete equipment to better serve you. The Fire Department will be able to hire 30 new firefighters to adequately staff and serve the City of Fort Myers which is experiencing rapid growth, expansion, and increased demand for fire and medical first response services that is outpacing current staffing levels.

What is the Fire Service Assessment amount for residential homeowners?

City of Fort Myers homeowner's fire assessment rates will increase by \$8.92 per month for a total amount paid annually of \$185.00.

How is the Fire Service Assessment paid?

The fire service assessment is paid annually as part of your tax bill.

Please email fireassessment@cityftmyers.com for questions.

