

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, ADOPTING THE FINAL AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal service, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Town Charter of the Town of Fort Myers Beach (“Town”) empowers the Town to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Tax Assessment Roll for the Town has been prepared, equalized, and certified by the Property Appraiser, showing a total taxable value of real and personal property in the amount of \$3,978,338,110; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes* requires rolled-back data to be presented in aggregate for the Town showing the percentage increase of the millage rate over the prior fiscal year’s rollback rate; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes* establishes the method of determining and levying an ad valorem millage rate and adopting a budget for all taxing authorities in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice, on September 23, 2024, the Town Council held the required public hearing to consider any adjustments to the proposed millage rate adopted on September 9, 2024, public announcement of the percentage increase over the rollback rate, the purpose for the increase and, following public comment, adopted a final ad valorem millage rate for fiscal year 2024-2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach does hereby announce and adopt the final operating ad valorem millage rate for fiscal year 2024-2025 at .9900 mills, which is .9900 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current year rolled-back rate is .6561

mils. The final operating millage rate is 50.89% GREATER THAN the rolled-back rate. Maintaining the millage rate of 0.9900, which is the same millage rate as that in FY23 and FY24, will generate \$1,281,489 more ad valorem tax revenue in FY25 than was collected in FY24. However, it will still be \$600,816 less than had been collected in FY23 due to the decrease in the taxable value caused by Hurricane Ian, but will also enable funding a contribution of \$425,000 to the Emergency Reserve Fund and stabilization of the millage rate as taxable values out of the control of the Town Council change. Adoption of this final rate does not exceed the tentative millage rate adopted by the Town Council on September 9, 2024.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Woodson, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Dan Allers, Mayor	Aye
Jim Atterholt, Vice Mayor	Aye
John R. King, Council Member	Aye
Scott Safford, Council Member	Aye
Karen Woodson, Council Member	Aye

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2024 by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

Dan Allers
Dan Allers (Sep 24, 2024 18:15 EDT)
Dan Allers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Baker
Amy Baker, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH SOLELY:

Nancy Stuparich
Nancy Stuparich (Sep 24, 2024 14:58 EDT)
Vose Law Firm, LLP, Town Attorneys

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 24th day of September 2024.