

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT

NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 3, 2017

[Property Owner Name]  
[Property Owner Name2]  
[Street Address]  
[City, State and Zip]

Tax Parcel Number: [\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Description: [\_\_\_\_\_]

Dear City of New Port Richey Property Owner:

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and City Ordinance No. 2012-1985 (the "Assessment Ordinance"), notice is given by the City of New Port Richey that an annual assessment for street lighting services may be levied on your property for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter. **PLEASE IGNORE THE PREVIOUS NOTICE SENT OUT, AS IT INCLUDED INCORRECT DATES.**

**THIS IS NOT A NEW ASSESSMENT PROGRAM; THE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN IMPOSED SINCE 2003.** The original street lighting assessments were imposed and collected on the November 2003 tax bill and subsequent years. However, since the City recently updated the street lighting assessment program it must provide this notice to all property owners of the updated assessment program.

Street Lighting assessments are based upon the parcel's classification and total number of "equivalent residential units" or "ERUs" attributable to that parcel. The City has determined that the average single-family residence in the City includes 1,860 square feet, which is the value of one ERU, the unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment. Single-family residential units, mobile home units and residential condominium units are charged one ERU. For general parcels, such as commercial parcels, the number of ERUs has been calculated individually for each parcel by dividing the total building square footage by 1,860 square feet. The number of ERUs attributed to undeveloped parcels will be calculated by dividing the total area of the parcel by the size of the average single family residential parcel in the City (7,204 sq. ft.), and then multiplying by .26. A more specific description of the street lighting services and the method of computing the assessment for each parcel of property are set forth in Resolution No. 2017-22 (the "Initial Assessment Resolution") adopted by the City Council on July 18, 2017.

The annual Street Lighting Service Assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18 will be \$38.71/ERU, which is also the maximum Street Lighting Service Assessment rate that can be imposed without further mailed notice for future fiscal years. It is estimated that the City will collect \$417,600 for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The above referenced parcel has been assigned the following ERUs and assessment amounts:

Number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs): [insert]  
The FY 2017-18 annual street lighting assessment for the above parcel is: \$[insert]

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, on August 29, 2017, in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida. Comments will be received on the proposed Street Lighting Service Assessments, including their collection on the ad valorem tax bill. You are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. You may also file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. Please include your name, parcel number, and the reason you object the assessment on all written objections. Objections should be forwarded as follows: City Clerk; Objections to Street Lighting Non-ad Valorem Assessments; 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida 34652. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, please contact the City Clerk at (727) 853-1024 at least 4 days prior to the date of the hearing. If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding the number of ERUs assigned to your property or the amount of the Street Lighting Service Assessment, please contact Customer Service by telephone at (727) 853-1061.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief of City Council action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication.

Copies of the Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, located at 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida, or on the City website at [cityofnewportrichey.org](http://cityofnewportrichey.org). The Street Lighting Service Assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector of Pasco County, pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes. Florida law provides that failure to pay the Street Lighting Service Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property which may result in a loss of title.

\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT SEND PAYMENT - THIS IS NOT A BILL\*\*\*\*\*