

Leon County Government

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County Commission Voted to Not Increase Fire Services Assessment

Dear Unincorporated Resident,

Your TRIM notice has been re-issued to reflect recent action by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners (Board). On August 12, 2025, the Board voted to not increase the Fire Services Assessments for the upcoming fiscal year, keeping the assessment flat for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 (Oct. 1, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2026).

Why your TRIM notice has changed

- The initial TRIM (Truth in Millage) notice is prepared and mailed by the Property Appraiser each August. It is **not a bill** and shows **estimated** taxes and assessments before the final budget is adopted.
- After the Board's August 12 vote to keep the Fire Services Assessment unchanged from FY 2025, an **updated** TRIM notice is being provided so your estimate matches the Board's direction. Your **November tax bill** will reflect **no increase** to the Fire Services Assessment.

What this means for you

- No change to your Fire Services Assessment for FY 2026.
- Other lines on your TRIM (e.g., values, millage proposals from other taxing authorities) remain unchanged.

Background

- The City of Tallahassee proposed a **mid-term increase of about 22%** to the Fire Services Assessment two years into a five-year interlocal agreement, citing rising costs. Under the interlocal agreement, the City provides fire rescue service in the unincorporated area and the County funds that service through assessments and fees.
- The Board initiated a dispute resolution process with the City and, ultimately, **did not agree** to the mid-term increase and directed that the assessment **not be increased** for FY 2026.

Questions?

The Leon County Office of Management & Budget has a dedicated phone line to assist with TRIM notice and assessment questions: **(850) 606-5100**. For general information about property values and exemptions, contact the **Leon County Property Appraiser** at **(850) 606-6200** or **leonpa.gov**.

Thank you for reviewing your re-issued TRIM notice and for staying engaged.

Sincerely,

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