

ORDINANCE 25-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 2013-1 TO RESCIND ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR A VOTE OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS BEFORE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNITS DESCRIBED IN 2013-1 CAN BE AMENDED; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREIN, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Franklin County ordinance 2013-1 established a requirement that except for the initial assessment established by ordinance 2013-1, all special assessments shall require majority vote of the property owners in the unit; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County finds that it is in the best interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, to rescind the requirement for a vote of the property owners before the Resolution fixing the rate of the special assessment may be amended and for the County Commission to make the decision without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance that future amendments to the Resolution establishing the amounts of the special assessments for fire and rescue services shall not require a vote of the property owners and that such future amendments shall be made by the County Commission without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance that future amendments to the Resolution fixing the rate of the special assessment in all of the fire and rescue benefit units shall be made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners after first giving public notice;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained that:

1. The preamble is incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Franklin County Ordinance 2013-1 is hereby amended to rescind all requirements for a vote of the property owners before the resolution establishing the amount of the special assessment for fire and rescue services can be amended, including, but not necessarily limited to, rescission of paragraphs 6(b); 15(g); 23(L); 32(q); 41(v); 50(aa) and 59(ff) of ordinance 2013-1.
3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict, but not otherwise.
4. Except for the rescission of all requirements for a vote of the property owners before the resolution establishing the amount of the special assessment for fire and rescue services is amended, ordinance 2013-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Codification: this ordinance shall be codified as new section 17-385, Chapter 17, Article VI.
6. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

Franklin County, a political subdivision  
of the State of Florida.

By: Ricky D. Jones  
Ricky D. Jones, Its Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Michele Maxwell  
Michele Maxwell, Clerk of Courts and  
Comptroller

Approved as to form and content:

By: Thomas M. Shuler  
Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney