TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE TOWN COUNCIL TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE HEARING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - 5:01 p.m.

Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, FL

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES – SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO MICROPHONE

- 1. Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
- 2. Presentation regarding methods of appraisal and other property tax assessment issues Martin County Property Appraiser, Jenny Fields, CFA and Karl Andersson, Chief Deputy
- 3. Proposed Millage for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Holly Vath,

Town Financial Consultant

- a. Percentage decrease in millage over the rolled-back rate is %.
- b. Comments from the public
- c. Comments from the Council
- d. Resolution No. 325-2022 to adopt the tentative millage rate
- 4. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Holly Vath,

Town Financial Consultant

- a. Overview of Budget
- b. Comments from the Public
- c. Comments from the Council
- d. Resolution No. 326-2022 to adopt the tentative budget
- **5. Discussion of alternate revenue sources** Terry O'Neil, Town Management Consultant and Holly Vath, Town Financial Advisor.
- 6. Announcements
 - Public Hearing for Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Budget for FY 2022/2023-Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:01 pm
 - Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, October 10, 2022 at 10:30 am
 - Canvassing Board Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 10:00 am
 - Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, November 14, 2022 at 10:30 am
- 7. Adjourn



MARTIN COUNTY
PROPERTY APPRAISER
Jenny Fields, CFA

2022 Informational Supplement to Notice of Proposed Property Taxes

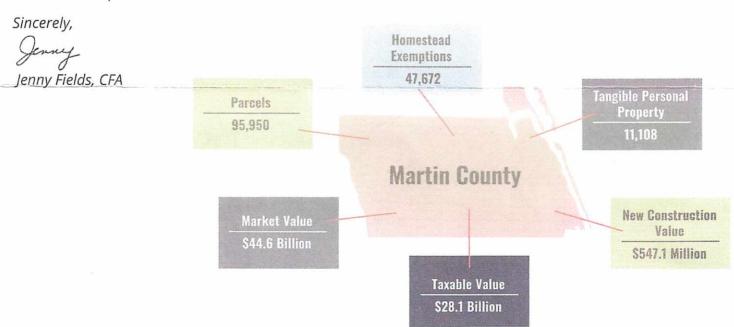
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PROPERTY APPRAISER

Dear Property Owner,

Your Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (also referred to as the TRIM Notice) has been mailed to you. This is not a bill, so payment is not needed. The TRIM Notice proposes what your property taxes may be when you receive your actual bill in November. This 2022 Informational Supplement is your guide to understanding property values, exemptions, portability, and more. You will find six (6) QR codes conveniently placed throughout this supplement for the purpose of providing you detailed information as quickly as possible. Simply scan them using your mobile device's camera.

Martin County has experienced unprecedented growth in the number of sales and sale prices of all property types leading to significant market value increases. My team of professionals are committed to helping you understand the valuation process and we will take whatever time is needed to explain our procedures. If you have questions, please contact our office by phone (772) 288-5608, email info@pa.martin.fl.us, or visit our award winning website at www.pa.martin.fl.us and take advantage of the Live Chat feature.

We promise to treat you with respect and understanding, and to deliver the outstanding customer service you deserve and expect.



PROPERTY VALUES

Taxing Districts	# of Real Property Parcels				% Increase Market Value from 2021
Martin County	95,950	\$447,000	\$547.1 Million	\$44.6 Billion	23.1%
City of Stuart	9,514	\$364,200	\$120.2 Million	\$4.1 Billion	17.6%
	690	\$8,200,000	\$17.9 Million	\$4.3 Billion	38.9%
Town of Ocean Breeze	149	\$412,900	\$19.1 Million	\$73.0 Million	47.7%
Town of Sewall's Point	1,040	\$995,000	\$8.8 Million	\$1.2 Billion	35.1%
Village of Indiantown	2,323	\$230,000	\$6.7 Million	\$2.3 Billion	1.7%

Market Value by Property Type

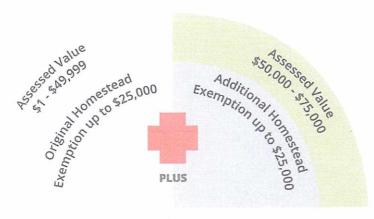


HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homestead is one way to reduce the amount of real estate taxes you will have to pay on your residential property. In the State of Florida, if you own property, and make the property your permanent residence, as of January 1st of the tax year, you may qualify for the \$25,000 homestead exemption. An additional \$25,000 homestead exemption is automatically applied to the assessed value above \$50,000.

By law, a homestead exemption is not transferable to your new home. If you move, you must file a new application for your new residence.

File your homestead application by coming into the office or online at www.pa.martin.fl.us.



You will receive the full \$50,000 exemption if your Assessed Value is \$75,000 or greater.

Other Exemptions Available for

HOMESTEADEDPROPERTY OWNERS



- Limited Income Senior Exemption for Persons 65 and Older
 - Your total household adjusted gross income did not exceed \$32,561 in 2021.
- Veteran and Active Duty Military
- Disability
- 30+ other exemptions

NEW for January 1, 2023

For residents who are widowed, blind, or totally & permanently disabled, your exemption value will increase from \$500 to \$5,000.

This means your tax savings of \$10 can go up to \$100 annually. If you already benefit from this exemption, no need to reapply.

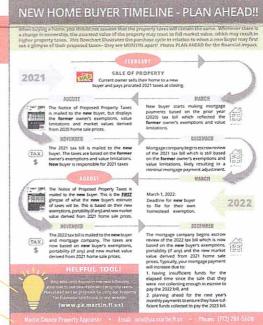
Attention New Home Buyers!

When buying real estate property, you should not assume that property taxes will remain the same. Whenever there is a change in ownership, the assessed value of the property may reset to the full market value, which may result in higher property taxes. Our *New Home Buyer Timeline* handout illustrates this scenario. In addition, using our *Property Tax Estimator* tool will help you PLAN AHEAD for the financial impact. Both of these tools are available on our website.



Scan QR code to view this Timeline

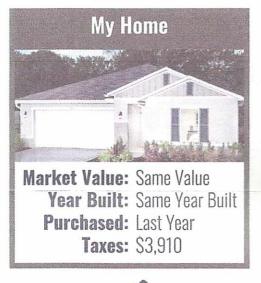


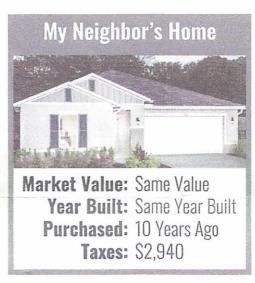




SAVE OUR HOMES BENEFIT (SOH)

Why are my taxes higher than my neighbors? We have the exact same house.





The "Save Our Homes" (SOH) amendment prevents homestead property owners from being taxed out of their homes during a period when home sale prices are rapidly increasing. This is accomplished by limiting the amount your assessed value can increase. Accumulation of "non-taxed" assessed can cause this disparity. Your neighbor has enjoyed the benefit of an increasing "capped" differential over time. whereas, you just purchased your home. Once you file for your homestead exemption, your assessed value will be subject to this same cap.



"Porting" the SOH Benefit

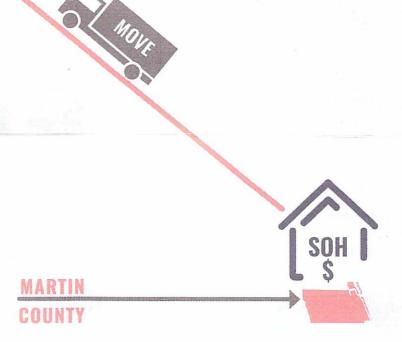
While your homestead exemption is not transferable, you can "move" the

accumulated SOH benefit from one homestead to another homestead, anywhere in Florida. You have from January 1st of the year you move, until January 1st three years later, to re-apply for homestead and retain the SOH benefit. This is known as "portability."

Please contact our office for your actual upsize or downsize portability estimate or you can use the *Property Tax Estimator* tool available on our website.



Scan QR code to use Property Tax Estimator





I disagree with my property value or exemptions. What are my next steps?

We welcome the opportunity to conduct an informal review. Our professional, knowledgeable team will answer your questions and find the information you need.

If we are unable to resolve the matter, you may file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board. There is a non-refundable \$15 filing fee. Please see the petition filing deadline shown on your Notice of Proposed Property Taxes. Petitions are available at the Property Appraiser's Office and can be downloaded from our website.

Can I lose my agricultural classification if I conduct agritourism activities in the buildings on my property?

An agritourism activity does not include buildings primarily used to accommodate the general public. In order to maintain agricultural classification on the land beneath the buildings, they must be used as an integral part of the agricultural operation.

Why is January 1st an important date?

We are required by law to reassess property values every year at market value (considering allowable costs of sale) based on conditions as of January 1st of the tax year.

We are prohibited by law from relying on sales that occur after January 1st assessment date.

Property sales that occur after the official assessment date of January 1, 2022 will be considered for the 2023 tax roll.

How do I avoid losing my homestead exemption?

A Your homestead may be affected by any of the following actions:

- Add someone to your deed
- Put property into a trust
- Rent your property
- Change your marital status
- Change your mailing address

Please contact our Office to learn more.

Do I have to live in my home for 6 months to be eligible for homestead exemption?

There is no particular amount of time you have to be physically present on the property to qualify for homestead exemption. However, your homestead property must be considered your primary residence. This means that your official identification documents must reflect your homestead property address.

PROPERTY TAX CYCLE

Property Appraiser

The County Property Appraiser
determines the value of property for
tax purposes. The Property Appraiser
does not determine the amount of taxes
you pay. The taxes may increase or
decrease depending on the tax
(millage) rates set by the
taxing authorities.

Property Value





Tax Bill

Taxing Authorities

The taxing authorities determine how much money is required to provide services and establish the tax (millage) rates.

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector sends the tax bills in the beginning of November and collects the taxes.

PROPOSED Constitutional Amendments

Two PROPOSED Constitutional Amendments that may affect the amount of taxes you pay on your property will appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot. If passed, these amendments would take effect January 1, 2023.

Amendment 1: Limitation on the Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes

This proposed amendment states that any change or improvement made to your residential property/home for the purpose of preventing flood damage, shall not be added to your assessed value for tax purposes.

Examples of these types of improvements include dams, seawalls, levees, elevating structures, filling basements, waterproofing basements, and maintenance of land to allow for stormwater runoff.

Amendment 3: Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce

This proposed amendment would grant an additional homestead tax exemption of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and Florida National Guard members.

This proposed exemption amount can range from \$0 to \$50,000 and would apply if your assessed value (not market value) is greater than \$100,000. If this amendment passes, those receiving this additional exemption would be required to provide proof of full-time qualifying employment every year.















Good Afternoon,

Since our trim notices were mailed August 18th, we have released two (2) new educational videos that are 2-3 minutes each and may be of interest to you! The first one is all about the trim notice and the second one is how my office appraises residential properties. Please take a moment to check them out following the links below. Also, we will be launching an E-News program in order to keep our property and business owners up to date with informational videos, important deadlines, legislative changes and much more. I would like to include you on these updates, however, if you do not wish to be included, please let me know.

As always, if there is anything I can assist you with, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

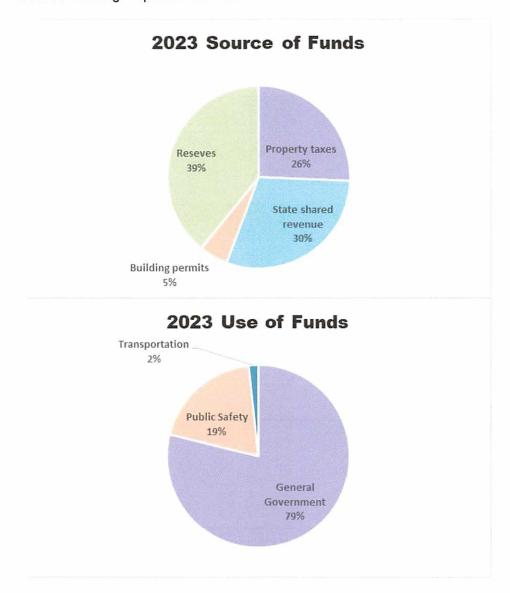
<u>Trim Notice Video</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QESoUacsE2I <u>Residential Appraisals</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCtzyS5s4zM

Sincerely,

Jenny Fields, CFA
Martin County Property Appraiser
772.288.5618 ◆ jenny.fields@pa.martin.fl.us
3473 SE Willoughby Blvd., Suite 101, Stuart, FL 34994

Town of Ocean Breeze 2023 1st Public Hearing Summary

- Total budget reduction of \$26,025
- · Recommend reserve level of \$200,000
- Recommend 1.20 millage rate
- Removed special project Code of Ordinances
- · Reduced Building Inspection Services



Town of Ocean Breeze 2023 Budget Workshop Summary

- Total budget reduction of \$4,545
- Recommend reserve level of 65-70% of budget
- Rent increase for five year renewal option
- · Budget reflects changes to staffing discussed a the June Council meeting
- Added meeting security to be provided by the Martin County Sheriff's Office
- Recommend 1.40 millage rate
- 2021 Seawalk sales of \$26.0 million contributed to \$16.8 million new taxable value
- Increased taxable value by \$2.5 million of existing values

	GENERAL FUND		 TOTAL BUDGET
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	-	117,042	 117,042
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem taxes (Millage per \$1,000 equals 1.200)	\$	76,558	\$ 76,558
Sales, use and fuel taxes		60,530	60,530
Intergovernmental revenue		27,500	27,500
Licenses and permits		15,400	15,400
Interest and other earnings		1,700	 1,700
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		181,688	181,688
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		298,730	 298,730
EXPENDITURES:			
General government		235,530	235,530
Public safety		58,200	58,200
Transportation		5,000	5,000
Capital outlay			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		298,730	298,730
RESERVES			
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$	298,730	\$ 298,730

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

		2021		2022		2022		2023
		Actual	Budget		E	Estimated		Budget
Revenue								
General reve	enue							
312100	Ad Valorem	128,845	\$	72,684	\$	72,684	\$	76,558
314200	Local communications services tax	2,711		3,340		3,340		2,500
322004	Charges for service	7,030		-		-		-
335120	State revenue sharing	14,844		20,300		20,300		23,000
335140	Mobile home tags	2,711		2,100		2,100		2,500
335150	Alcoholic beverage licenses	2,154		1,500		1,500		2,000
335180	1/2 Cent Sales Tax	40,082		51,600		51,600		51,600
312300	Gas tax	10,116		9,000		9,000		6,430
338200	Occupational licenses	627		150		150		150
361000	Interest income	604		800		700		700
369000	Miscellaneous income	14,271		5,000		1,000		1,000
Total Ge	neral Revenue	223,995		166,474		162,374		166,438
Building reve	enue							
322000	Building permits	217,723		45,000		18,000		15,000
322001	Fire inspections	180		750		250		250
Total Bui	lding revenue	217,903		45,750		18,250		15,250
Total Reven	ue	441,898		212,224		180,624		181,688

		2021	2022	2022	2023
		Actual	Budget	Estimated	Budget
Expense					
General Go	vernment				
513150	Gross Payroll	78,238	93,960	81,200	65,650
513301	Management Consultant	21,472	28,000	15,000	28,000
513302	Rent	11,836	12,390	12,390	13,925
513304	Communications / Website	12,061	14,565	14,600	14,565
513305	Engineering	280	2,500	250	5,000
513306	Accountant	4,800	8,000	7,000	8,000
513308	Insurance W/C	3,643	2,200	5,000	3,200
513309	Insurance Package	10,109	12,600	10,750	17,600
513311	Public Advertising Notices	3,895	4,000	2,400	4,000
513312	Office Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance	9,483	6,900	8,200	6,900
513313	Postage	843	700	750	700
513315	Audit	15,500	16,000	16,000	17,000
513316	Utilities	684	720	720	720
513317	Dues	1,170	1,425	1,425	1,450
513318	Mileage Reimb Clerks	364	1,300	250	1,300
513319	Council expenses, conferences & travel	2,860	4,300	3,200	5,800
513321	Election Expenses		-		500
513820	Contributions	1,000	900	900	1,000
513322	Special Projects (digitize records, update codes)	690	18,000	11,000	5,000
513325	Meeting security			600	2,250
514100	Legal Counsel	22,285	24,000	8,000	24,000
514200	Computer Services	3,234	3,900	3,600	3,900
531110	Payroll Taxes - Fica	4,798	5,825	4,500	4,070
531111	Payroll Taxes - Medicare	1,122	1,370	1,100	1,000
531112	Other Payroll Taxes & Benefits	17,392	-	-	-
Total Ge	eneral Government	227,759	263,555	208,835	235,530

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Estimated	2023 Budget
Public Safety 522300 M.C. Fire Rescue	07.050	-	45.000	
524200 Building Official 524210 Building Code Compliance services 524220 Code Compliance legal services	37,350 3,120 275	30,000 15,000 10,000	45,000 4,000 1,000	24,000 8,000 5,000
524300 Fire Safety Inspector 524300 Permit processing services	-	1,200	100	1,200 20,000
Total Building Transportation	40,745	56,200	50,100	58,200
Street lights and street maintenance Capital Outlay	6,525	5,000	3,100	5,000
555000 Furniture & Equipment Total Expense	275,029	324,755	262,035	298,730
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			81,411	117,042
				26,025

	Pro	posed Millage		Budget Workshop	_	Α	_	В	 с	Rollback Rate	Pri	or Year Rate
Estimated taxable value	\$	67,156,131	\$	67,156,131	\$	67,156,131	\$	67,156,131	\$ 67,156,131	\$ 50,351,588	\$	47,795,960
Taxable Value Increase Divide by 1,000	_	1,000		1,000	_	1,000		1,000	1,000			1,000
	\$	67,156.13	\$	67,156.13	\$	67,156.13	\$	67,156.13	\$ 67,156.13		\$	47,795.96
Millage rate Rollback rate		1.2000		1.4000		1.2000		1.1000	1.0000	1.3289		1.4000
Ad valorem taxes	\$	80,587.36	\$	94,018.58	\$	80,587.36	\$	73,871.74	\$ 67,156.13		\$	66,914.34
Collection allowance		5%		5%		5%		5%	5%			5%
Budgeted ad valorem taxes	\$	76,558.00	\$	89,318.00	\$	76,558.00	\$	70,178.00	\$ 63,798.00		\$	63,568.63
Other Revenue Expenditures		105,130.00 298,730.00		105,130.00 298,730.00		105,130.00 298,730.00		105,130.00 298,730.00	105,130.00 298,730.00			
Current year proposed rate as a percent change of rolled-back rate		-9.70%		5.35%		-9.70%		-17.23%	-24.75%			
Approximate impact on General Fund reserve balance (original)		(117,042)		(104,282)		(117,042)		(123,422)	(129,802)			
Town of Ocean Breeze Taxes	Ta	axable Value					_				_	
Seawalk with \$50,000 homestead exemption	\$	400,000	\$	560	\$	480	\$	440	\$ 400			
Shopping Plaza	\$	12,871,436	\$	18,020	\$	15,446	\$	14,159	\$ 12,871			
Resort	\$	16.078.680	s	22.510	s	19.294	\$	17.687	\$ 16.079			

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS FOR GENERAL FUND

		Annual Operating Budget	% of Budget
Fund balance @ 9/30/17	258,399	287,214	89.97%
FY 2018 decrease in fund balance	(39,862)		
Fund balance @ 9/30/18	218,537	371,292	58.86%
FY19 increase in fund balance	132,441	•	
Fund balance @ 09/30/2019	350,978	382,885	91.67%
FY20 increase in fund balance	25,120	•	
Fund balance @ 09/30/2020	376,098	283,967	132.44%
FY21 increase in fund balance	49,547	•	
Fund balance @ 09/30/2021	425,645	348,010	122.31%
FY22 Projected decrease in fund balance	(81,000)	•	
Projected fund balance @ 09/30/2022	344,645	324,755	106.12%
FY23 Projected decrease in fund balance	(117,042)	•	
Projected fund balance @ 09/30/2023	227,603	298,730	76.19%

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE

Historical Data

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Taxable Value	% Change	Millage Rate	% Change	Taxes Levied
2011	2010	22,067,810	-12.32%	2.6295	17.08%	58,027
2012	2011	25,837,183	17.08%	4.6799	77.98%	120,915
2013	2012	25,358,595	-1.85%	4.7910	2.37%	121,493
2014	2013	23,710,720	-6.50%	5.0619	5.65%	120,021
2015	2014	23,024,907	-2.89%	4.9472	-2.27%	113,909
2016	2015	23,251,369	0.98%	3.9814	-19.52%	92,573
2017	2016	27,446,576	18.04%	5.2177	31.05%	143,208
2018	2017	27,177,478	-0.98%	5.4750	4.93%	148,797
2019	2018	30,024,441	10.48%	6.3826	16.58%	191,634
2020	2019	36,782,181	22.51%	4.8008	-24.78%	176,584
2021	2020	43,628,710	18.61%	3.0800	-35.84%	134,376
2022	2021	47,818,243	9.60%	1.4000	-54.55%	66,946
2023	2022	67,156,131	40.44%	1.2000	-14.29%	80,587



RESOLUTION NO. 325-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, MARTIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, Florida, on July 20, 2022 adopted Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Martin County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Town of Ocean Breeze as \$67,156,131.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, Florida that:

1.	less than the rolled-back rate of 1.3289 mills which is decrease.	
2.	2. The voted debt service millage is 0%.	
3.	3. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon Its adoption.	
DULY	LY ADOPTED at a public hearing this the 14 th day of September, 2022 at	_ p.m.
	TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE TOWN COUNCIL	
Karen	en M. Ostrand, Mayor Kenneth De Angeles, President	_
Attest	est:	
Kim S	Stanton, Town Clerk	



RESOLUTION NO. 326-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, Florida, on July 20, 2022 held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, Florida tentatively set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Ocean Breeze of Martin County, that:
1. The Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing the 14 th day of September, 2022 at p.m.
TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE TOWN COUNCIL
Karen M. Ostrand, Mayor Kenneth De Angeles, President

Attest:

Kim Stanton, Town Clerk