

NOVEMBER BALLOT QUESTION FOR FMB RESIDENTS

FIRE DISTRICT REFERENDUM

ABOLISH FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE AND BECOME IONA MCGREGOR FIRE?

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Chapter 2026-192, Laws of Florida, amending the boundaries of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District to include all territories currently included in the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, abolishing the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, providing for a transitional board, and transferring the assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, become effective?

WHAT DOES YOUR VOTE MEAN?

NO

VOTE

KEEPS THE FMB FIRE DISTRICT

Chapter 2026-192 does not become effective under this referendum question.

YES

VOTE

ENDS THE FMB FIRE DISTRICT

Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District is abolished; assets and liabilities transfer to Iona-McGregor.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE - FLORIDA STATUTE 106.113

Florida law prohibits Fire District advocacy for or against referendums.
The Fire District may, in response to a public inquiry, provide factual information in print or online.

**FOR ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES, PLEASE CONTACT FIRE CHIEF SCOTT WIRTH
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FORT MYERS BEACH DAILY RESPONSE FORCE

FIVE UNITS WITH A 16-FIREFIGHTER DAILY COMPLEMENT

FMB Fire combines fire suppression and fire-based ambulance service in one coordinated response force. Each apparatus silhouette is aligned with its assigned staffing.



TRUCK 31

Ladder Truck

4 FIREFIGHTERS



ENGINE 32

Fire Engine

3/4 FIREFIGHTERS



ENGINE 33

Fire Engine

3/4 FIREFIGHTERS



RESCUE 31

Fire-based Ambulance

2 FIREFIGHTERS

ELIMINATED WITH MERGER



RESCUE 33

Fire-based Ambulance

2 FIREFIGHTERS

ELIMINATED WITH MERGER

3/4 = ENGINE 32 AND ENGINE 33 EACH STAFF THREE OR FOUR FIREFIGHTERS

Staffing depends on whether one or two firefighters are off duty for scheduled leave.

CURRENT SHIFT STAFFING
16 FIREFIGHTERS | 5 UNITS

WITH A MERGER
12 FIREFIGHTERS | 3 UNITS
2 RESCUES + 4 FUNDED POSITIONS PER SHIFT ELIMINATED (12 TOTAL)

THE BOTTOM LINE

**THE FORT MYERS BEACH COMMUNITY LOSES THE
RIGHT TO HAVE FIRE-BASED AMBULANCES**

Rescue 31 and Rescue 33 would be eliminated, and the four firefighters assigned each shift to those ambulances would no longer be funded.

(a total of 12 firefighters eliminated)

THE TAXPAYERS OF FORT MYERS BEACH HAVE SAVED

\$20.6 MILLION

FOR THE BIG-TICKET NEEDS AHEAD

Years of careful budgeting built four dedicated savings accounts to protect emergency service, replace essential equipment, and deliver major community projects.

BLDG

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

\$10.7M

Administration building + training center + fire boat lift: the last facility the District expects to need to build for the next 35-40 years.

GEAR

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

\$7.1M

10-year plan: fire trucks, ladder truck, ambulance, staff vehicles, Jaws-of-Life rescue tools, cardiac heart monitors, Self-contained Breathing Apparatus, bunker gear, fire hose and more.

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30 DAYS AFTER A HURRICANE

\$1.2M

Keeps all-out District operations moving after a major storm

TAX

PROPERTY-TAX INCOME CHANGES

\$1.6M

Helps stabilize service when property-tax income changes unexpectedly

\$10.7M + \$7.1M + \$1.2M + \$1.6M

= \$20.6M SAVED

THE BOTTOM LINE

**ALL \$20.6 MILLION WOULD TRANSFER
TO IONA MCGREGOR FIRE DISTRICT**

Fort Myers Beach taxpayers lose control of their savings, including where and how they are spent.

TWO DISTRICTS. TWO MILLAGE PATHS.

WHAT THE FUTURE COULD MEAN FOR FORT MYERS BEACH

As Fort Myers Beach rebuilds from Hurricane Ian and new construction adds taxable value, FMB Fire is projecting a continued downward millage trend without a merger.

FMB FIRE

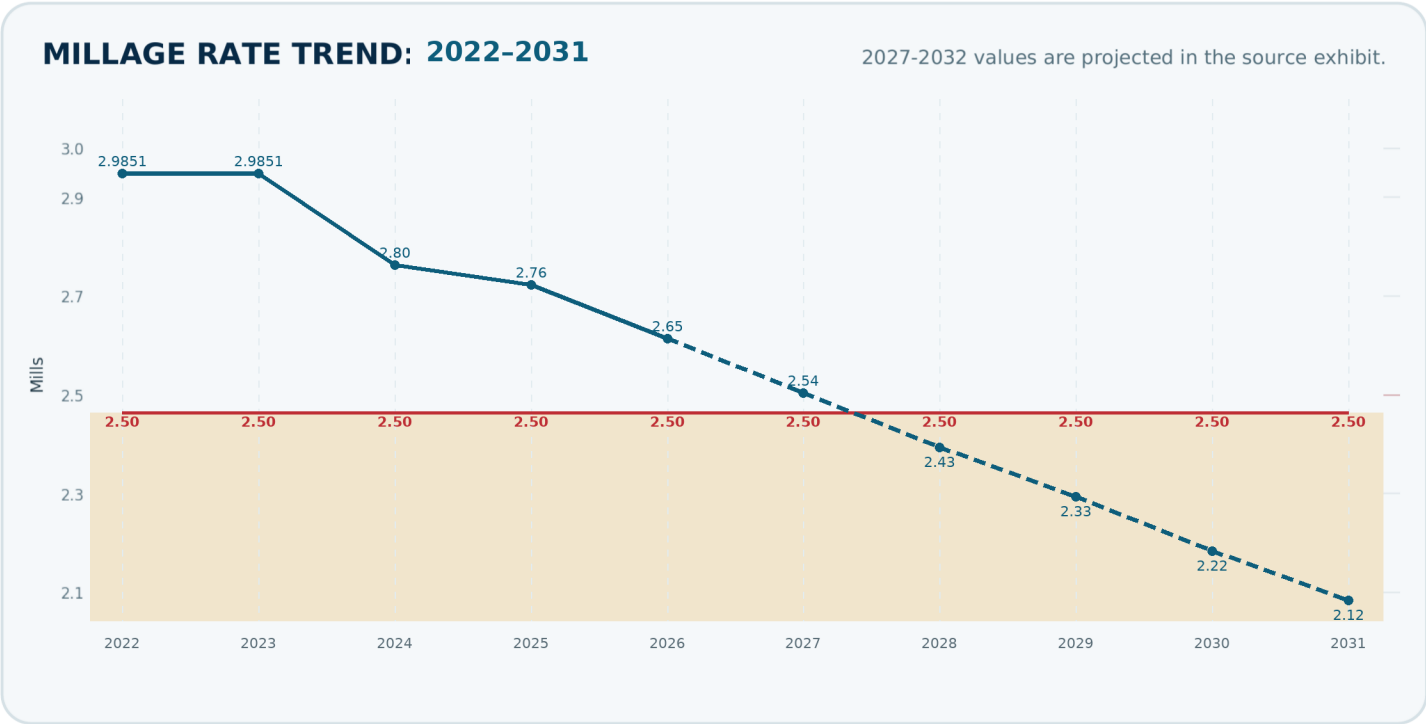
DOWNWARD TREND

Island rebuilding adds new construction.
Total taxable property value is expected to grow.
Lower future millage rates are projected.

IONA McGREGOR

AT THE 2.5-MILL CAP

Taxable property values are declining.
Operating costs are increasing.
The millage rate is expected to remain capped.



FMB FIRE: RATE PROJECTED TO DECLINE

IONA McGREGOR: 2.5-MILL CAP

THE BOTTOM LINE

FMB FIRE IS POSITIONED FOR
LOWER MILLAGE RATES

Iona McGregor is already at its millage cap and is expected to remain there
as taxable values decline and operating costs increase.

ACCESS TO SERVICES AFTER A MERGER

WHAT IT MEANS FOR FORT MYERS BEACH

Today, permitting, inspections, and administration are available on Fort Myers Beach. With a merger, those services would move to two mainland locations.

NOW

CURRENT FORT MYERS BEACH LOCATION

ON-ISLAND

Fire permitting, inspections, and administration
100 Voorhis St. - next to the new 7-Eleven

WITH A MERGER, COMMUNITY SERVICES MOVE OFF-ISLAND

ADMIN

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

+10 MILES

For Fort Myers Beach residents
6061 South Pointe Blvd

PERMITS

PLANNING, PERMITTING & INSPECTIONS

+8.1 MILES

For Fort Myers Beach residents and contractors
15961 Winkler Rd

CURRENT: SERVICES ARE LOCATED ON FORT MYERS BEACH.

AFTER A MERGER: SERVICES MOVE 8.1 TO 10 MILES OFF-ISLAND.

THE BOTTOM LINE

**LOCAL SERVICES WOULD MOVE
8.1 TO 10 MILES OFF-ISLAND**

Residents and contractors would travel to mainland offices for these services.