

# City of Sanibel

Office of the City Manager 800 Dunlop Rd. Sanibel. FL 33957

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING \*\*\*THIS IS NOT A BILL\*\*\*

### November 14, 2025

RE: City of Sanibel Public Hearing to make a final decision on whether to establish the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District and to levy annual special assessments against property located within the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District.

#### **Dear Property Owner:**

On October 7, 2025, the Sanibel City Council approved Resolution 25-061, expressing the intent of the City of Sanibel to establish a recurring annual assessment to fund the future dredging of the inlet to the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District (the "Assessment District"). An Assessment District map, illustrating the parcels within the proposed Assessment District is enclosed for your reference.

The Sanibel City Council has established the date of **Tuesday**, **December 16**, **2025**, **at 9:10 a.m.**, **in MacKenzie Hall**, **800 Dunlop Road**, **Sanibel**, **Florida**, **33957**, as the public hearing date to determine the propriety and advisability of establishing and implementing the Assessment District; and if so, to further determine the cost of such dredging-related efforts, the manner of payment for such efforts, and the amount of such costs to be assessed against each property within the Assessment District.

As part of the public hearing, the Sanibel City Council will consider the adoption of an Annual Rate Resolution to impose an annual assessment against the parcels within the proposed Assessment District beginning the Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, and each year thereafter. The assessment is anticipated to be \$586.23 annually for each property with an existing dock, mooring space, berthing slip or the like, or which has the ability to legally place such a structure on the parcel.

This public hearing is also being scheduled for the purpose of considering placement of the assessment described above on the non-ad valorem portion of your Lee County real estate tax bill in the 2026 tax year which begins October 1, 2026, and each year thereafter. The assessment described above is proposed to be collected every year by the Lee County Tax Collector as part of the residential tax bill (this method is known as the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments) and then forwarded to the City of Sanibel. When the City proposes to use the tax bill collection method for collection of assessments, the law requires the following notice to property owners: "failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title."

All affected property owners and interested parties have the right to appear at the hearing and to file written comments or objections with the City Council before the adjourned time of the public hearing. Comments may be directed to the boundaries of the Assessment District, the amount to be assessed to each parcel owner within the Assessed District, the manner of payment, or any matter related thereto. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing special accommodations to participate in this process should contact the City Clerk's office at (239) 472-3700 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

Please direct all other questions or correspondence to:

Finance Department City of Sanibel 800 Dunlop Road Sanibel, Florida 33957 (239) 472-9615

Sincerely,

CITY OF SANIBEL

Enclosure: Exhibit A - Map of Assessment District

Exhibit B – Description of Assessment District

EXHIBIT A

<u>Proposed Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District</u>



### **EXHIBIT B**

Any parcel with an existing dock, mooring space, berthing slip or the like, or the ability to legally place such a dock, mooring space, berthing slip or the like on any parcel within the area shown on Exhibit A.