



# Government Affairs Report

May 9 - May 16, 2025

## OSCAR

- Join the OSCAR Realtor Party Facebook Group to receive updates on events and legislation.
- Upcoming Events:
  - RPAC REALTOR's Night Out at Osceola Arts- July 24,2025

## LOCAL

### CITY OF KISSIMMEE

- Firefighter staffing causes City to begin the process of a fire assessment.  
The City of Kissimmee has passed a resolution to direct staff to begin the process of a fire assessment that will charge each parcel individually. The fire assessment is to fund the addition of 49 fire fighter personnel and the implementation of a new schedule for the fire fighters. Current revenues do not support the implementation of these updates. The City determined the net amount necessary is approximately \$6,000,000.

The assessment has been broken down into two tiers. Tier 1 addresses Relative Improvement Value and Tier 2 addresses the parcel.

- Teir 1: This is based on the value of improvements made to the property. The more valuable the improvements, the higher the assessment rate. It's a variable rate that depends on the relative improvement value of each property.
- Teir 2: \$105 per parcel. This is a flat rate of \$105 per tax parcel. Every property in this tier is assessed the same amount, regardless of the property's value or improvements.

Unlike millage rates the fire assessment establishes a proportionate cost share for all property owners. Additional costs include \$7.50 charge to each parcel to cover administrative costs. 4% adjustment is included to account for discounts given to those who pay their assessments early. This ensures the city still collects the amount needed even if some people pay less due to early payment. The city will also cover any fees charged by the County's tax collector or property appraiser for using their collection services.

City staff recommends the Commission adopting the full amount. **The city gave consensus to begin the Fire Assessment process in a workshop on April 1, with direction given on April 15,**



2025, for staff to start the assessment. The assessment hearing would be in June. Find the Resolution [here](#).

### **CITY OF ST. CLOUD**

- **Final hearing of annexation of approximately +/- 2.5 acres continued to June.** St. Cloud City Council approved the first reading of the voluntary annexation of approximately +/- 2.00 acres identified as Anthemnet Ralph Miller Road, located east of South Narcoossee Road, north of Ralph Miller Road, south of Disston Drive, and west of Hackney Road. This was up for final hearing May 8, 2025, but was continued for June. This link is the [agenda](#)

### **STATE**

- **The 2025 Legislative Session: Session Extended and Florida Realtors advocacy update.** This week the Florida House Members returned to Tallahassee and voted to extend the potential end date of this year's legislative session to as late as June 30. We will update you on their work in the weeks ahead. The Senate, however, did not return to Tallahassee and have not voted on a similar extension – yet. That could change, [according to a memo](#) Senate President Ben Albritton sent to his members yesterday afternoon. Although a few of our legislative priorities are on hold as we wait for the budget process, these are some [Florida Realtors legislative highlights](#).

### **NATIONAL**

- **Tax Bill Draft 'Very Positive' for Real Estate**  
Republicans on the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee released the full draft text of their portion of tax reform legislation Monday afternoon – delivering significant wins for the real estate sector and reinforcing provisions long championed by the National Association of Realtors®. NAR's advocacy team successfully secured its top five tax priorities in the draft bill, including an enhanced small business tax deduction, a strengthened state and local tax (SALT) deduction, and protections for the mortgage interest deduction (MID). The bill also makes the current lower individual tax rates permanent and increases the child tax credit, moves that could help increase homeownership access for more American families. Get all the details about the proposed tax plan [here](#).