

## Public Comments

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Good afternoon.

We noticed and appreciated the recent Department's revisions to the initial DR-482MH: Application for Mobile Home Parks. The revisions made to the new form are helpful, as MH park owners closely follow the statutory requirement to pass on ad valorem taxes in section 723.031(5)(c), F.S. However, we also understand why the Department retained the "pass through" language in the new form. Please find attached a second proposed revision to the new form that simply suggests a shift of the Department's current language to further clarify the second check box to align with industry practices.

We appreciate the Department's consideration. Thank you again.

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# APPLICATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF MOBILE HOME PARKS

Section 193.626, Florida Statutes

DR-482MH

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Rule 12D-16.002, F.A.C.

Effective

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Name of Mobile Home Park | _____ |
| Park address             | _____ |
| Mailing address          | _____ |
| Owner name               | _____ |
| Operator name            | _____ |
| Phone Number             | _____ |
| Parcel ID, if known      | _____ |

**On January 1 of this tax year, this property met the requirements for assessment limitation under s. 193.626, F.S.**

☐ 75 Percent of the mobile home lots are subject to a written rental agreement term of at least 1 year, and;

☐ Pursuant to a written rental agreement, which may include a prospectus, ad valorem tax levied on the property is passed on or through, in proportionate shares, to the mobile home owner consistent with section 723.031(5)(c), F.S. ^ to the mobile home owner consistent with section 723.031(5)(c), F.S.,

Number of mobile home lots in the park \_\_\_\_\_

Number of mobile home lots that meet the requirements listed above \_\_\_\_\_

## **Supporting Documentation:**

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- ☐ Mobile home park prospectus
- ☐ Copies of written mobile home lot rental agreements

## **SWORN STATEMENT**

Florida law requires property appraisers to determine whether a property qualifies for the assessment limitation. Property appraisers will notify you if additional information or documentation is needed to determine eligibility for the assessment limitation requested. I grant permission to allow the property appraiser to review the supporting documents, if requested.

I certify all information on this application, including any attachments, is true, correct, and in effect on January 1 of the tax year.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Application for the Assessment of Mobile Home Parks and the facts stated in it are true.

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| Signature | Print name | Date  |



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Thank You,

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Good afternoon,

The City of West Miami is interested in a workshop to familiarize ourselves with these updates.



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To: Property Appraisers, Tax Collectors, Taxing Authorities, and Interested Parties

From: Florida Department of Revenue, Property Tax Oversight

Date: August 4, 2026

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I hereby request a workshop on August 14, 2026 at 11:00 am via Zoom

Best Regards,

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**VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

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Re: Preliminary Comments Regarding Sections 9 & 10, Chapter 2026-239, Laws of Florida

Dear Janice:

The undersigned represents the Florida Manufactured Housing Association (FMHA). As the Department is aware, on June 1st the Legislature approved House Bill 7031E, which has now become Chapter 2026-239, L.O.F. Sections 9 and 10 of the legislation create a new Save Our Homes-like annual assessment limitation of 3% for qualifying mobile home parks. This new process first applies to the 2027 property tax rolls.

As the Department begins its implementation of this new statute, FMHA thought it would be valuable for the Department to better understand some of the nuances historically contained in Chapter 723, F.S., which should apply to this new property tax process. As provided by the Legislature, Section 193.626, F.S., contains the following elements to qualify a mobile home park for the new process:

- A qualifying mobile home park must have 75% of the mobile home lots subject to a *written rental agreement* on January 1 of the tax year;
- The written agreements must have a term of at least one year;
- The written agreements must require *all* ad valorem taxes levied are required to be *passed through, in proportionate shares*, to the mobile home owners pursuant to Section 723.031(5)(c), F.S.

### Written Rental Agreements

Section 723.003(10), F.S., expressly defines a “mobile home lot rental agreement” or “rental agreement” to include both oral and written leases under Chapter 723. Unlike other industries, Sections 723.011 through 723.014 mandate that any mobile home park containing twenty-six or more mobile homes must file a strict written prospectus / offering circular<sup>1</sup> and receive regulatory approval from DBPR that the document’s terms and conditions comply with the statute. Such written prospectus / offering circular / notice is required to expressly notify the mobile home owner of all fees and charges, assessments, or other financial obligations associated with the rental (written or oral). See also Rule 61B-30.001, F.A.C.

Specifically, subparagraph 723.012(9)(b)6, F.S., requires the mobile home park operator to disclose any factors which may affect the lot rental amount including property taxes and other fees or charges. Therefore, the mere use of an oral rental agreement should not disqualify a mobile home park from Section 193.626, F.S., if that mobile home park’s approved written prospectus or offering circular independently complies with the elements of the new statute. The prospectus or offering circular are clearly the written terms and conditions provided to all mobile home owner’s renting a lot in the park. Accordingly, there is no risk to any mobile home owner if the express written notice of how ad valorem property taxes are to be charged by the park is contained in a written prospectus or a written rental agreement.

Additional support for this position is also contained in Section 723.031, F.S., specifically addressing rental agreements. Subsection (2) expressly clarifies that all required statutory provisions are incorporated into every oral rental agreement. Subsection (4) generally prohibits rental agreements (oral or written) for a term of less than one year, which should satisfy the second element of the qualification.

### Pass Through Charges vs. Pass On Charges

FMHA recognizes the Legislature used the phrases “passed through” and “proportionate shares” in Section 193.626, F.S. However, the Association notes these terms have distinct defined meanings in Chapter 723, F.S. “Pass through charges” are specifically defined as “the mobile home owner’s proportionate share of the necessary and actual direct costs and impact or hookup fees *for a governmentally mandated capital improvement....*” Subsection 723.003(17), F.S. (emphasis added.) Charges for governmentally mandated capital improvements have nothing to do with ad valorem property taxes. Additionally, “proportionate share” is defined to be limited

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<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, provide a written notification pursuant to Section 723.013, F.S.

to “impact or hookup fees incurred for governmentally mandated capital improvements” and is further restricted to those improvements serving the recreational and common areas in the mobile home park. Therefore, ad valorem taxes being “passed through, in proportionate shares” doesn’t parallel the express definitions provided to those two phrases in Chapter 723.

We believe the Department should contrast the definitions above with Paragraph 723.031(5)(c), F.S.,<sup>2</sup> which provides that “the mobile home park owner may *pass on*, at any time during the term of the lot rental agreement, ad valorem property taxes, non-ad valorem assessment,” etc. This paragraph further supports the argument that a written prospectus should be sufficient by expressly providing:

A park owner is deemed to have disclosed the passing on of ad valorem property taxes and non-ad valorem assessments if ad valorem property taxes or non-ad valorem assessments were *disclosed as a separate charge or a factor for increasing the lot rental amount in the prospectus or rental agreement.* (emphasis added.)

Ultimately, notice to the mobile home owner should be the paramount consideration for a park to receive the new property tax benefit, not whether the written document received by the owner was titled a prospectus or rental agreement. Additionally, the same paragraph expressly prohibits a park owner from ever collecting more tax than the amount paid to the Tax Collector, which further protects mobile home owners.

#### Proportionate Shares of All Ad Valorem Property Taxes

The mobile home park industry rarely bills “all” ad valorem property taxes for a given year to its residents. Instead, most parks build some share of the annual property taxes into the base rent amount paid for each lot. If ad valorem taxes are built into the base rental consistently, then FMHA suggests that such practice should be considered to mean that those taxes were passed on in proportionate shares.<sup>3</sup> However, if the Department takes the position that qualifying parks are required to separately bill for every penny of ad valorem tax due for a given year to the mobile home owners on a prorated basis, then it will create a significant administrative burden for the industry and will reduce the likelihood that parks participate under Section 193.626, F.S.

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<sup>2</sup> Which is expressly cited in the same sentence as the troublesome “passed through, in proportionate shares” language.

<sup>3</sup> If a mobile home park has to charge additional ad valorem taxes to under Paragraph 723.031(5)(c), F.S., assuming they are passed on in a proportionate basis.

FMHA also seeks clarification from the Department regarding whether a proportionate share applies only to those mobile home lots that are occupied by renters or applies to all lots regardless of occupancy. Generally, either the written prospectus or the rental agreement will specify how such charges will be shared once they become due. If a proportionate share under Section 193.626, F.S., requires equal division of any ad valorem taxes between occupied and unoccupied lots, then many parks may refuse to participate in the program.

We hope these preliminary comments regarding the recently passed legislation provide the Department with additional insights regarding an area of the law that is very familiar to the Association. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. I may be reached at 850-459-0992 or [fbrown@joneswalker.com](mailto:fbrown@joneswalker.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. French Brown, IV". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

H. French Brown, IV

CC: John Ricco, Florida Manufactured Housing Association