



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**#14-1107**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 10, 2014

**TITLE:** Public hearing to consider imposing the fire rescue assessment of property located in the City for fiscal October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015; establishing the rate of assessment; and approving the assessment roll for provision of fire services, programs and facilities

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the fire rescue special assessment rates and assessment roll for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

**Background**

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Rescue Assessment Program to fund fire rescue services, facilities, and programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, special equipment, and costs of operations on June 15, 1999 (C-99-49). Annually, the City establishes an assessment rate to fund continued fire rescue services and operations for the upcoming year.

The City proposes \$225 per single family residential property which is unchanged from the prior year. For fiscal year 2015, the proposed assessment rate is projected to generate \$33,977,517 in revenue to the General Fund, which is approximately 97% cost recovery of fire suppression services for FY 2015.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is required by State of Florida statute (Ch.197.3632) to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate by September 15, 2014 to the Broward County Property Appraiser; Broward County Record, Taxes, and Treasury Division; and the Florida Department of Revenue

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action for the current fiscal year.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
  - Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

#### Attachments:

1. FY 2015 Fire Rescue Assessment Rate Schedule
2. FY 2015 Comparable City Fire Rescue Assessment Rates
3. Sun-Sentinel Notice of Advertisement
4. Resolution

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