



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

#22-0213

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 15, 2022

TITLE: First Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 26-161 of the Code of Ordinances to Revise Eligibility Requirements for Residential Parking Rates Establish, an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate, Increase the Monthly Permit Parking Rate and Authorize the City Manager to Provide Reduced or No-Cost Parking to City Sponsored Educational or Professional Development Programs – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an ordinance, amending Subsection 26-161 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to revise the eligibility requirements for Residential Parking Rates, establish an electric vehicle charging station rate, increase the monthly permit rate, and authorize the City Manager to provide reduced or no-cost parking for City sponsored educational or professional development programs.

Background

On June 2, 2020, the City Commission amended Chapter 26-161 to standardize parking rates by geographical area and to create a City of Fort Lauderdale resident rate, which is discounted from the posted public hourly rates.

The Resident Parking Rate program is facilitated through the PayByPhone system, which allows residents to transact through a smart phone or through a dial-in number. To receive the discount, residents must submit an application and upload proof of residency documentation. Once eligibility is confirmed, the resident's PayByPhone account is updated to automatically enable the resident rate when parking a registered vehicle.

At the January 5, 2022, Commission meeting, the City Commission requested that staff review the eligibility criteria to determine if partial-year residents are eligible to receive the resident rate discount. Upon review, staff identified that the ordinance requires specific documentation that may prohibit partial-year residents from becoming eligible, specifically, a State of Florida driver's license. Staff is recommending that the City Commission amend the ordinance to change the eligibility criteria.

In addition to the resident rate eligibility modifications, the proposed amendment would modify other portions of Chapter 26-161, including:

- Increasing the minimum monthly permit rate from \$35.00 to \$40.00
- Creating an hourly parking rate of \$5.00 per hour for parking spaces that provide electric vehicle (EV) charging
- Provide the City Manager with authority to provide reduced or no-cost parking for City sponsored educational or professional development programs

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with agency partners

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Connected*

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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