



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0136

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a First Amendment to Temporary Beach License and
Outdoor Event Agreement with Royal Recordings, LLC for the 2025
Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach - **(Commission
Districts 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the City Commission approve a first amendment to a temporary beach license and outdoor event agreement with a request for extended hours for music with Royal Recordings, LLC, in substantially the form attached, for a music event on Fort Lauderdale Beach known as the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival.

Background

On January 7, 2025, the City Commission approved a temporary beach license and outdoor event agreement with Royal Recordings, LLC to host the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on the Fort Lauderdale Beach from September 2, 2025, through September 10, 2025, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period ("Event").

During the January 7, 2025 City Commission meeting, the event dates were discussed, and it was determined that dates in December 2025 could be an option for the event dates. The Event organizer notified City staff that they wish to reschedule the 2025 Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival as follows:

- **Set-up Dates:**
December 2, 2025, through December 5, 2025 (8:00am – 7:00pm)
- **Event Dates:**
December 6, 2025, through December 7, 2025 (1:00pm – 10:00pm)
- **Breakdown Date:**
December 8, 2025, through December 10, 2025 (8:00am – 7:00pm)

The event impacts are from December 2, 2025, through December 10, 2025, inclusive of any setup period, event period, and breakdown period, as well as all previously approved special exceptions or music exemptions, or both. There is no application fee collected for this agreement as it is being rescheduled from a prior approval.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

Amplified music:

- The applicant is requesting permission for one additional hour of amplified music, until 10:00pm, on Sunday, December 7, 2025

The event organizer will pay all event costs and submit the required certificates of insurance. The City is requiring the organizer to post an amount in escrow, equal to 110% of the City's estimated service costs. The organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Civic and merchant associations have been notified as appropriate regarding events in their areas. The organizer will be charged a temporary beach user fee of \$500 per day, including event set-up and breakdown days.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2025 operating budget in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of November 25, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-000-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$90,000	\$0	\$4,500
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$4,500

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment to Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement

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