



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

**#21-0799**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 13, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Central Wastewater Region  
Large User Rate of \$2.68 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated –  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution setting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Central Region Wastewater large user rate at \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2021.

**Background**

The City, through Large User Agreements, operates the Central Wastewater Region facilities, including the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Facility (GTL). The Central Wastewater Region provides treatment services for five cities including Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Tamarac, and parts of Davie, which accounts for approximately 83 percent of the wastewater treatment services provided by the Central Region.

The Large User Agreements, necessitated by federal funding requirements, establish the methodology for setting rates to large users. The City Commission establishes a billing rate based upon budgeted expenditures and assumed gallons of wastewater to be treated for the upcoming fiscal year. At the close of the fiscal year, the fund is audited, and the actual rate is determined. If necessary, lump sum rebates or charges are made to adjust the amount paid by each user based upon the actual rate.

The Central Wastewater Region Large User Advisory Board, at its July 21, 2021 meeting, voted and approved a rate of \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. This rate represents a twenty-cent increase from the FY 2021 rate of \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. The Central Wastewater Region Operating Budget for FY 2022 is \$36.9 million.

**Resource Impact**

The FY 2022 Central Wastewater Region Large User rates will generate \$36,063,308 in estimated revenues.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2021 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure initiative.

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Capital Improvements Element
- Goal 2: Ensure adequate funding for infrastructure and capacity exist concurrent with development or redevelopment

### **Related CAMs**

21-0739; 21-0741

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Draft Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2021

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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