

# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

#14-0797

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: July 1, 2014

TITLE: RESOLUTION – FY 2015 Non-Ad valorem Assessment – Fire Rescue

Assessment Fee

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission set the estimated non-ad valorem Fire Rescue Assessment Fee rate of \$225 per single family residential household and establish the date of September 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM to hold a public hearing to consider public comments.

### **Background**

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Rescue Assessment Program to fund fire rescue services, facilities, and/or 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 no change in the rate from the prior year. For fiscal year 2015, the proposed assessment rate will 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 Manager is required per state statute to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Property Appraiser no later than September 15, 2014.

## **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

# **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 2014 Comparable City Fire Rescue Assessment Rates
- 3. Fire Rescue Updated Assessment Program Memorandum

4. Resolution

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