

**Sec. 8.04. - Sale of real property to private persons, firms or corporations.**

City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized and empowered to sell any public lands and improvements thereon, title to which is vested in City of Fort Lauderdale, to any private person, firm or corporation (other than a public body) under the following conditions, to-wit:

- (a) *Resolution declaring property not needed for public use.* The city commission shall adopt a resolution at a regular meeting of the city commission particularly describing the land by metes and bounds, reference to a recorded plat or government survey, its location by street number, if any there be, a description of all improvements located upon the land, and shall declare how said land has been used since same has belonged to the city, why it is desirable to sell same, and that the city does declare and determine that it is for the best interests of the city that such lands and facilities be sold. The resolution declaring that such lands be sold shall state whether the sale shall be made for cash or terms. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the sale shall be for cash. Where the value of the land is determined by the city commission to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the city commission may sell same for twenty-five (25) percent cash and the balance upon terms, with installments due yearly, not exceeding ten (10) years, with interest to be determined by the city commission. The city shall sell, without competitive bidding, to the party making the best offer, but the city may reject any and all offers at any time. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer. In no event shall the sale be for less than seventy-five (75) percent of the appraised value of the property as determined by the city commission.
- (b) *Notice; offers.* Within seven (7) days after the adoption of the resolution, it shall be published by the city in one (1) issue of the official newspaper. Offers shall be accompanied by cashier's checks or certified checks payable to the city in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the offer.
- (c) *Protests.* During the period intervening between the adoption of the resolution and the date of sale, taxpayers and registered electors of the city may protest or object to the sale, or propose other public uses for the said property, and the city commission may rescind its former action and repeal the resolution declaring the property should be sold, if it deems same expedient and proper.
- (d) *Authority to sell; cemetery lots excepted.* Subject to the foregoing provisions, City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby empowered to sell and dispose of any lands, improvements, public buildings, recreational parks and other lands now owned or hereafter acquired by said city, and in the deed of conveyance may place such conditions, limitations and restrictions on the use of such property by the purchasers as to the city commission shall seem proper. The above restrictions as to sale of public property shall not apply to sale of municipal cemetery lots, which are subject to rules and regulations governing same.
- (e) *Resolution accepting offer and authorizing conveyance.* At any regular meeting after publication of the resolution as heretofore provided in paragraph (b), the city commission may adopt a resolution accepting the best offer and authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance; provided that if such property is encumbered by any bonds or obligations for which such property or the revenue derived therefrom is specially pledged, the purchase price must be sufficient to pay and discharge such bonds or obligations according to the terms thereof.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or other provisions of this article, City of Fort Lauderdale shall have the right to exchange, deed or convey portions of publicly owned lands, or grant concessions, leases or rights therein to private persons, in consummating a transaction whereby City of Fort Lauderdale acquires property needed in connection with a public improvement or a public use.
- (g) The City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized to pay a real estate commission to any registered real estate broker, licensed to do business in the State of Florida, who negotiates and procures a purchaser or tenant for any real estate sold or leased by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Such real estate commission shall only be paid, however, on the consummation of such sale or lease, and the commission paid shall in each instance be determined by the city commission based upon what it believes to be a fair and equitable commission for the service to be rendered.