

ORDINANCE NO. C-26-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDITIONED ON THE APPROVAL OF A BALLOT MEASURE, BY ESTABLISHING THE CHARTER POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission proposes an amendment to the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to establish the position of Fire Chief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale be, and is hereby amended to add Section 4.16 as follows:

Section 4.16. - Fire Chief; appointment; compensation.

- (a) There is hereby established the position of Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the City Commission and employed under such terms and conditions as the City Commission may deem appropriate. The Fire Chief shall receive such compensation as the City Commission may by resolution fix and designate.
- (b) The individual serving as Fire Chief on the effective date of this section shall automatically become the first appointed Fire Chief.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall not take effect unless the same is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale voting at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. The ballot measure to be submitted shall be in substantially the following form:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. _____

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTER POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF

Should the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, be amended to establish the Charter position of Fire Chief, who shall report directly to the City

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Commission rather than to the City Manager, and be employed and compensated under such terms and conditions as the City Commission deems appropriate?

YES, for approval

NO, for rejection

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That, at the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, as set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct any non-substantive scrivener’s errors in the codification of this Charter amendment.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days from the date of certification by the Supervisor of Elections for Broward County, Florida, of approval by the electors.

PASSED FIRST READING this 19th day of May, 2026.
PASSED SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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