



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

**#13-1251**

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

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

**DATE:** September 12, 2013

**TITLE:** Public Hearing to consider imposing Fire-Rescue assessments of  
property located in the City for fiscal year October 1, 2013 – September  
30, 2014; approving rate of assessment and assessment roll for provision  
of Fire services

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the Fire-Rescue Special Assessment rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

**Background**

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire-Rescue Assessment Program to fund fire suppression 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 services and operations for the upcoming year.

At the July 9, 2013 City Commission meeting, (CAM 13-0849), the preliminary Fire-Rescue Assessment rates were approved as shown in Exhibit 1. The proposed rates will recover approximately 100% of the fire assessable costs projected for fiscal year 2014, less costs attributable to providing services to governmental and wholly tax-exempt institutional properties that are exempt from the fire assessment. The single-family residential assessment rate is recommended at \$225 per year. The total Fire-Rescue Assessment (combination of residential and commercial rates) will generate an estimated \$33,497,746 in revenue to the General Fund.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is required per state statute to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate by September 15, 2013 to the Broward County Property Appraiser, Broward County Record, Taxes, and Treasury Division, and to the Florida Department of Revenue.

**Resource Impact**

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: FY 2014 Fire-Rescue Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2: Proposed FY 2014 Comparable City Fire-Rescue Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3: Sun-Sentinel Notice of Advertisement

Exhibit 4: Resolution

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