

Sec. 8.13. - Leases to civic and charitable organizations.

City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby authorized to lease to civic organizations, charitable organizations, public nonprofit corporations and like organizations, any public lands, improvements, buildings, recreational parks and areas or other public places, now owned or hereafter acquired by the city, for a period exceeding one (1) year but not exceeding fifty (50) years, to be used by such lessee for purposes consistent with the public good, where such use will not conflict with use by the public of other portions of public land adjacent thereto, under the following conditions:

- (a) The city commission shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intention to lease to a named civic or charitable organization, nonprofit corporation or like organization, a definitely described property or portion thereof, which resolution shall state the reasons why the city commission believes such lease should be made, the purpose for which such public property will be used by the lessee, the compensation, if any, to be paid for the lease, and other information calculated to advise taxpayers and electors of the nature of the lease. Such resolution shall designate a day, not less than thirty (30) days after the adoption of such resolution, when a public hearing will be had before the commission upon such proposal.
- (b) If the property intended to be leased is encumbered by any bonds or obligations for which such property or revenue derived therefrom are specifically pledged, provisions must be made in the proposal to discharge or satisfactorily comply with the requirements of the pledge.
- (c) At any time, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days, after the adoption of such resolution, a public hearing shall be had before the city commission upon such proposal to lease, and a notice shall be published by the city in the official newspaper for two (2) issues prior to the date set for considering such proposal, with the first publication not less than ten (10) days before said date of hearing. The city commission in offering said publicly owned facility or public lands for lease shall state in said resolution and notice such terms and conditions as deemed pertinent under which said facility will be leased and the number of years for which said facility shall be leased.

If before the day, fixed for such public hearing, a referendum petition is filed with the city clerk signed by fifteen (15) percent of the registered voters, demanding a referendum election upon the question of leasing such property, no lease shall be executed by the officials of the city until after approval by a majority of the voters participating in such referendum election. Such referendum election shall be called and held as provided in this charter.

At least three (3) days before said public hearing date, a copy of the proposed lease shall be posted on a public bulletin board by the city clerk and each commissioner shall be given a copy of such proposed lease together with a covering summary letter; providing, however, that in case of emergency, such procedure may be waived by the affirmative vote of three (3) commissioners. Citizens and taxpayers shall have the opportunity at such public hearing to object to the execution, form or conditions of such proposed lease. If the commission is satisfied with the terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and if no persuasive objections are voiced at such public hearing, the commission shall pass a resolution authorizing the execution of such lease by the proper officials of the city subject to the approval by the city attorney prior to its execution by the proper city officials.