RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, ("City Commission") has enacted Ordinance No. C-99-49 ("Ordinance"), as amended by Ordinance No. C-16-03, which authorizes the imposition of Fire Rescue Assessments for fire rescue services, facilities, and programs against Assessed Properties located within the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the rate of assessment and imposition of a Fire Rescue Assessment for fire rescue services, facilities, and programs each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to impose a Fire Rescue Assessment within the City using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted the Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessments on July 5, 2023 ("Preliminary Rate Resolution"), containing a brief and general description of the fire rescue facilities and services to be provided to Assessed Properties, describing the method of apportioning the Fire Rescue Assessed Cost to compute the Fire Rescue Assessment for fire rescue services, facilities, and programs against Assessed Properties, estimating a rate of assessment, and directing preparation of the Assessment Roll and provision of the notice required by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance, the City is required to confirm or repeal the Preliminary Rate Resolution, with such amendments as the City Commission deems appropriate, after hearing comments and objections of all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing has been published and, if required by the terms of the Ordinance, mailed to each property owner proposed to be assessed, notifying such property owner of the Owner's opportunity to be heard, an affidavit regarding the form of notice mailed to each property owner being attached hereto as Appendix A and the proof of publication being attached hereto as Appendix B; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2023, and August 31, 2023, a Notice of Hearing to Impose and Provide for Collection of Fire Rescue Special Assessments was published in the Sun-Sentinel daily newspaper; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 13, 2023, and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered as required by the terms of the Ordinance;

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the Ordinance (Ordinance No. C-99-49), as amended by Ordinance No. C-16-03, the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 99-81), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 99-100), the Preliminary Rate Resolution (Resolution No. 21-139), the Preliminary Rate Resolution (Resolution No. 22-161), the Preliminary Rate Resolution (Resolution 23-140), Article VIII, Section 2, Florida Constitution, Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION. This Resolution constitutes the Annual Rate Resolution for the Fire Rescue Assessment as defined in the Ordinance. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, and the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 3. IMPOSITION OF FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The parcels of Assessed Properties described in the Assessment Roll, as updated, which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefited by the provision of the fire rescue services, facilities, and programs described in the Preliminary Rate Resolution, in the amount of the Fire Rescue Assessment set forth in the updated Assessment Roll, a copy

of which was present or available for inspection at the above referenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property within the City will be specially benefited by the City's provision of fire rescue services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Rescue Assessment for such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the Preliminary Rate Resolution. Adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit in a manner consistent with the legislative declarations, determinations and findings as set forth in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, and the Preliminary Rate Resolution from the fire services, facilities, or programs to be provided and a legislative determination that the Fire Rescue Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Preliminary Rate Resolution.

- (B) The method for computing Fire Rescue Assessments described or referenced in the Preliminary Rate Resolution is hereby approved. The Parcel Apportionment methodology described in Appendix B of the Preliminary Rate Resolution and adopted in Section 7 of the Preliminary Rate Resolution is hereby approved.
- (C) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, the estimated Fire Rescue Assessed Cost to be assessed is \$55,095,989. The Fire Rescue Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Fire Rescue Assessed Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, are hereby established as follows:

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	Rate Per Dwelling Unit			
Residential Dwelling Unit	\$338			
NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES	Building Classification (in square foot ranges)	Commercial	Industrial/ Warehouse	Institutional
	≤ 1,999	\$534	\$68	\$537
	2,000 - 3,499	\$1,067	\$135	\$1,073
	3,500 - 4,999	\$1,867	\$236	\$1,877
	5,000 - 9,999	\$2,667	\$337	\$2,681
	10,000 - 19,999	\$5,333	\$673	\$5,361

20,000 - 29,999	\$10,666	\$1,346	\$10,722
30,000 - 39,999	\$15,999	\$2,019	\$16,083
40,000 - 49,999	\$21,332	\$2,692	\$21,444
50,000 - 59,999	\$26,665	\$3,365	\$26,805
60,000 - 69,999	\$31,998	\$4,038	\$32,166
70,000 - 79,999	\$37,331	\$4,711	\$37,527
80,000 - 89,999	\$42,664	\$5,384	\$42,887
90,000 - 99,999	\$47,996	\$6,057	\$48,248
≥ 100,000	\$53,329	\$6,730	\$53,609

- (D) The above rates of assessment are hereby approved. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Fire Rescue Assessments for fire rescue services, facilities, and programs in the amounts set forth in the updated Assessment Roll, as herein approved, are hereby levied and imposed on all parcels of Assessed Properties described in the Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023.
- (E) No Fire Rescue Assessment shall be imposed upon a building located on a parcel of Institutional Property whose building use is wholly exempt from ad valorem taxation under Florida law. Any shortfall in the expected Fire Rescue Assessment proceeds due to any reduction or exemption from payment of the Fire Rescue Assessments required by law or authorized by the City Commission shall be supplemented by any legally available funds, or combination of such funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Fire Rescue Assessments.
- (F) As authorized in Section 2.13 of the Ordinance, interim Fire Rescue Assessments are also levied and imposed against all properties for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued after adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution based upon the rates of assessment approved herein.
- (G) Fire Rescue Assessments shall constitute a lien upon the Assessed Properties so assessed equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid.
 - (H) The Assessment Roll as herein approved, together with the correction of

any errors or omissions as provided for in the Ordinance, shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection using the tax bill collection method in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance. The Assessment Roll, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix C.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION. The Preliminary Rate Resolution is hereby confirmed.

SECTION 5. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Annual Rate Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented (including, but not limited to, the determination of special benefit and fair apportionment to the Assessed Properties, the method of apportionment and assessment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Fire Rescue Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within twenty (20) days from the date of this Annual Rate Resolution.

<u>SECTION 6</u>. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section or other part of this resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affecting the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

<u>SECTION 7</u>. CONFLICTS. This resolution or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

<u>SECTION 8</u>. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Annual Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this	day of	, 2023.	
	<u></u>	Mayor	
		DEAN J. TRANTALIS	

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ATTEST:		
City Clark	Dean J. Trantalis	
City Clerk DAVID R. SOLOMAN	John C. Herbst	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:	Steven Glassman	<u> </u>
AND CORRECTNESS.	Pamela Beasley-Pittman	
Interim City Attorney D'WAYNE M. SPENCE	Warren Sturman	

APPENDIX A AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Stephen Gollan, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. Stephen Gollan, as Fire Chief of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("City"), pursuant to the authority and direction received from the City Commission, timely directed the preparation of the Assessment Roll and the preparation, mailing, and publication of notices in accordance with the Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance adopted by the City Commission on June 15, 1999 (the "Assessment Ordinance") in conformance with the Preliminary Rate Resolution adopted by the City Commission on July 05, 2023 (the "Preliminary Rate Resolution"). The Preliminary Rate Resolution directed and authorized notice by First Class Mail only to affected owners in the event circumstances described in Section 2.08(F) of the Assessment Ordinance so required and all such notices have been mailed.
- 2. In accordance with the Assessment Ordinance, Stephen Gollan timely provided all necessary information for notification of the Fire Rescue Assessment to the Property Appraiser of Broward County to be included as part of the notice of proposed property taxes under Section 200.069, Florida Statutes, the truth in millage notification. The information provided to the Property Appraiser to be included on the truth in millage notification included the following: the purpose of the assessment; the total amount proposed to be levied against each parcel; the unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment; the number of such units contained within each parcel; the total revenue the City expects to collect by the assessment; a statement that failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title; a statement that all affected property owners

have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the local governing board within 20 days of the notice; and the date, time, and place of the hearing.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Stephen W. Gollan, Affiant

STATE OF FLORIDA: COUNTY OF BROWARD:

The foregoing instrument was acknowl	edged before me by means of physical presence
or \square online notarization, this $\underline{\mathcal{D}}$ day of	of September, 2023, by Stephen Gollan, Fire
Chief of the City of Fort Lauderdale.	(Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida)
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APPENDIX B

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Rose Williams, who on oath says that he or she is a duly authorized representative of the SUN- SENTINEL, a DAILY newspaper published in BROWARD/PALM BEACH/MIAMI-DADE County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in:

The matter of 11745-Other Legal Notices, Was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of, or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized on Aug 24, 2023

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: August 25, 2023.

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Signature of Notary Public

LEANNE ROLLINS

Notary Public - State of Florida

Commission # GG 982233

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DeSantis

the first GOP presidential debate on Wednesday night, he is one of the country's most popular Republican politicians and a top contender for the party's nomination. Policy and education contender for the party's nomination. Policy and education contender of the providence of the property of the providence of the providence of Wednesday's debate, too. "A good way to win a Republican primary these days is to be pro-voucher, anti-woke, anti-DEI and anti-LGBTQ", said Doug Harris, an expert in education policy and economics chair at Tulane University.

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How DeSantis became an education leader

DeSantis was not always a

DeSantis was not always a culture warrior.

Experts who follow DeSantis policies say after he was elected to his first term in 2018, by a slim margin, there was no sign education policy or courting controversy would become his hallmarks.

Then, during the COVID-19 pandemic, he seized on discontent with school shutdowns and mask mandates. After initially closing schools, as all governors did in March 2020, DeSantis issued an executive order that July mandating that schools reopen for im-person instruction, ignoring objections from teachers and unions. and unions.

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He threatened to withhold salaries from superintendents who defied a ban
on mask mandates.

"The pandemic was
clearly a turning point for
DeSantis," said Carol Weissert, a professor emerita of
political science at Florida
State University, "He pitted
himself against schools
and aligned himself with
parents."

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It was the beginning of many policies that made DeSantis a leader in the conservative push for 'parents' rights.' The theme



Florida Governor and 2024 Presidential candidate Ron DeSantis speaks to the crowd at this year's North Carolina GOP Convention in Greensborg, North Carolina, on June 9, JOSH BROWN/ZUMA PRESS WIRE

was hammered also by Virginia Gov. Glean Youngkin, a Republican, in his successful 202 campaign.
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From critical race theory to math

A major theme of DeSan-tis' tenure has been a pledge to banish critical race theory from classrooms, following the lead of former Presi-dent Donald Trump, who banned federal agencies in 2020 from offering diversity training on racial and gender biases.

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Trump's ban was rescinded by President Joe Biden, but critical race theory became a lightning rod for conservatives.

The theory is rarely taught in K-12-schools, but the term has become a catchall for systemic racism. Conserva-tives say it's used to make white people believe they

are inherently racist.
Critical race theory has made its way into proposed legislation of 44 states, including 18 that have passed laws, said Robert kim, executive director of the Education Law Center. Florida was a frontrunner. "These laws are inducing chaos and confusion in public schook, and that may be part of the point," Kim said.

He said culture war policies have coincided with school voucher policies a "multi-pronged attack on public education." Desarnis' campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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The DeSantis administration has steadily enforced its law.

The state education department initially blocked more than 40% of math textbooks that were submitted by publishers to the state for review last year, asying they violated the ban on critical receivery.

The department later reviewers had flagged with references to "prohibited topics" like racial bias or social-emotional learning.

Many DeSantis education

policies seem to target what resonates with conservative voters, said Jon Valent, director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at the Brookings Institution.

"They are not grounded in any kind of theory of school reform at all," he said. He noted the influence of Christopher Rufo, a conservative activist and architect of the right-wing outrage against critical race theory, who has become a key DeSantis ally. "He'll keep going back to these ideas as long as they continue to help create an identity for him politically that he thinks is going to benefit him in a presidential campaign." Valent said.

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Removing library books

One of DeSantis' most

One of DeSantis' most controversial policies has been the "Parental Rights in Education" bill, dubbed "Don't Say Gay" by oppo-nents. It banned instruction on gender identity and sexual orientation in Florida class-rooms "in a manner that is not age appropriate or devel-opmentally appropriate." But its impact, combined with other legislation, has

rippled to the books schools offer students.

New laws in Florida have prompted schools to pull books from their shelves, according to the free-speech organization PEN America. Florida ranks second, behind Texas, as the state with the highest number of book removals, according to an April report by PEN, which tracked school book basis from July to December of 2022.

Teachers and librarians across the state say laws on discussion of race, gender and sexual orientation are so open to interpretation that

open to interpretation that they feel compelled to pull books that touch on those

books that touch on those subjects. DeSantis has dismissed reporting on book bans as a "hoax," and parents who have advocated for removal of books say literature with sexually explicit passages should not be freely avail-able to teens.

Rewriting history standards

DeSantis also has taken several steps to regulate the teaching of Black history — which other conservative leaders have emulated.

In January, he rejected a new Advanced Placement course on African American studies, saying it was not "historically accurate" and violated the Stop Wole Act — a 2022 Florida law that limits the way gender and race are discussed in assortion and word place and stop of place and word place a

from educators and histo-rians.

The standards say middle schoolers should be taught that "slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit," a rewrit-ing of history that drew wide rebute.

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Ahead of the return to classes, Florida also became the first state to approve the use of videos in its classrooms produced by the Prager University Foundation, a media company named for conservative radio host Dennis Prager.

The company makes videos to "promote American values," according to its website.

One video depicts slavery abolitionist Frederick Douglass saying that while slawery was wrong and evil, it was a compromise the Founding Fathers had to make to "achieve something great." The Republican primary will reveal much about the direction of the conservative agenda on education. Valent said. Alot of that is going to be about whether or not DeSantis' quote-unquote nuti-woke agenda, resonates in other states," he said. -1 think we're going to see either a lot of copycat or we'll see people pulling back away from that."

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR **COLLECTION OF FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**



Nation shereby given that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdial will conduct a public hearing to consider imposing a fire special assessment fee for the provision of fire services within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdiale for the Fiscal Har belginning October 1, 2023.

The public hearing has been scheduled for 5.01 P.M. on Weinesday, September 13, 2023, at the Parker, 707 Northeast 8th Steet, Fort Lauderdiale Finish for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessment, All affected properly owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written Objections with the City Commission which 20 days of this notice.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire assessment schedule.

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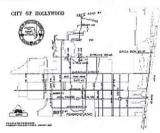
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the Fire Reccus Department of (354) 826-8600. Montally through Friday between 8.00.3.m. and 4.30 pm. MDTE If a person decide to appeal any decision made by the Chy Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a secondarie with the Americans with Disabilities Art. Deterois meeting a special accommodation or an extra secondarie with the Americans with Disabilities Art. Deterois meeting a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 1652 328-3002 at least the days prot to the date of the hearing, and arrangements with be made to provide those services for you.

DAVID R. SOLOMAN CITY CLERK CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

CITY OF HOLLYWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SECOND READING

The City of Hollywood City Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on the crip of Hollywood City Commission will mind a virtual polaric healing to the proposed ordinance on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as same can be heard in the City Commission Chambers, Room 219, second floor of Hollywood City Hall, located at 2600 Hollywood Boulevard.



FILE NO: APPLICANT: LOCATION: REQUEST:

PO-2023-06 (23-L-27) City of Hollywood City Wide

A ordinance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, amending the city's adopted comprehensive plan by adding the property rights element in accordance with section 163.3177(6)(i)2, Florida statutes.

A copy of the proposed application materials, and legal description for the above petition(s) is on file in the Department of Development Services, Division of Planning and Urban Design, and is available for public review during normal business hours.

Comments of any interested party relative to this matter may be submitted in writing and/or presented in person at the meeting. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and it will be their responsibility to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Please call (954) 921-3471, option 3, with questions regarding the above matters.

Two or more members of any other city board, commission, or committee, who are not members of this board may attend this meeting and may, at that time, discuss matters on which foreseeable action may later be taken by their board, commission, or committee.

Persons with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations to participate in City programs and/or services may call the Division of Engineering/Transportation & Mobility, Azita Behmardi, ADA Coordinator/ City Engineer, five business days in advance at 954-921-3251 (voice). If an individual is hearing or speech impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771 (V-TDD).

Dated this 24th day of August 2023.

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC City Clerk Hollywood, ©AM # 23-0707

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Rose Williams, who on oath says that he or she is a duly authorized representative of the SUN- SENTINEL, a DAILY newspaper published in BROWARD/PALM BEACH/MIAMI-DADE County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in:

The matter of 11745-Other Legal Notices, Was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of, or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized on Aug 31, 2023

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: September 01, 2023.

Signature of Notary Public

LEANNE ROLLINS
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # GG 982233
My Comm. Expires Apr 27, 2024
Bonded through National Notary Assn.

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home on stilts all in one piece.

"I didn't sleep none ... There's a bar and restaurant that blew all to pieces here," Ross said. "This was the first storm I've ever left for."

His neighbor, Dave Ebert, who moved to Steinhatchee four years ago after retiring, heard a large, 100-year-old oak tree limb snap and land on his roof just after 1 a.m. He said he lost power, but the branch didn't put a hole in the house.

"My neighbor stayed and had a foot and a half of water inside his house," Ebert said. "I stayed to protect my house."

Ebert said another neighbor registered a 143 mph wind gust on his weather

Along the scenic Steinhatchee River, the town's focal point, the hurricane's force and storm surge downed awnings, crunched docks and tossed boats awry. The waterfront

Steinhatchee River Inn and Marina suffered a number of storm-related damages.

A man who identified himself as the owner walked up to assess the damage and said he didn't have time to talk with so much work ahead.

"As long as everyone is safe," he said, placing a premium on human lives and livelihood over property damage, which can be fixed in time.

Despite officials urging everyone to evacuate, Cedar Key resident Michael Bobbitt told MSNBC that he chose to ride out the storm. He said he did it because he knew the other people who didn't leave would need help in the aftermath.

"All of our commercial buildings downtown are underwater and a serious percentage of our homes have been inundated with water," said Bobbitt, who huddled in his 117-year-old house on a hill.

Bobbitt was one of an estimated 100 residents who chose to hunker down and ride out the storm. By noon



Dave Ebert, left, and Travis Ross cut off limbs from a tree that landed on Ebert's home in Steinhatchee on Wednesday. WILLIE J. ALLEN JR./ORLANDO SENTINEL

Wednesday, Gulf Search and Rescue and American Yellow Cross — both volunteer groups with members from as far away as Texas and Idaho - were staged near the causeway leading to the island.

"I came in for Hurricane Ian last year. In the last 19 years, I've worked every hurricane that made landfall in the U.S.," said Jake Stovall, Gulf SAR's founder and director. "If we don't have any rescues, that's a great day."

After boats from both groups launched into the white-capped waters lapping at Cedar Key's shores, they were called back with the news that most, if not all, of the small city's hurricane holdouts were accounted for.

In the early afternoon, Cedar Key Police Chief Edwin Jenkins stood guard at the bridge, controlling entry while the island remained closed to assess storm damage.

One longtime resident, 82-year-old Herman Wells, evacuated to escape Idalia's rage but found he wasn't

allowed to return home. "I'm not moving ... know how to swim," he told Jenkins in a tense exchange before yielding and turning

back inland. Cedar Key City Commissioner Sue Colson said the island shut down overnight as the worst of Hurricane Idalia approached the island community.

"It's not the city's call, it's the [Florida] Department of Transportation. Bridges are vital for entry and FDOT needs to make sure they are safe," she said. "We're out assessing today and getting debris removed so electric trucks can get through."

Colson anticipates that the island will reopen on Thursday if FDOT deems the causeway safe for passage.

She said that efforts were underway to check houses where residents chose to

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laws. Advocates see them as useful tools to thwart acts of violence. Others say their usefulness is exaggerated. Here's a look at Florida's

red flag law: Florida passed wide-ranging gun-control legislation in

2018, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, that included the red flag law. Lawmakers were spurred

to action in part by a shooting at the school in Parkland after which the act is named. Law enforcement had received complaints about threats by the 19-yearold former student before he killed 17 people at the school on Feb. 14, 2018.

Among other things, the legislation also raised the minimum age to buy guns to 21.

Under the red flag provisions, law enforcement can ask a civil court to issue a risk

prevention order that bars someone deemed dangerous to themselves or others from possessing guns. They also can't buy guns while the order is in effect.

The process is a civil matter. Someone doesn't need to be suspected of a crime for an order to be sought. A request can be prompted by a mental health crisis, or a display or threat of

The Jacksonville gunman, Ryan Palmeter, had made racist writings discovered by his father after the shooting started. But it isn't clear whether he earlier made the kind of open threats of violence or engaged in witnessed behaviors that should have led to action under the state's red flag law.

In the weekend shooting, Palmeter used an AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle and a Glock handgun he bought legally this year, despite his involuntary commitment in 2017, Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters has said.

Under Florida law, a person can be detained up to 72 hours for an involuntary mental health examination. If a person is released following the examination, rather than held for treatment, the commitment does not show up on a background check.

And when Palmeter was taken into custody for threatening his own life, that came before the 2018 legislation.

Asked in an interview Monday if he thought the shooting in his city pointed to some failure of state laws, Waters said "the system did not fail, from what we can

"There are so many people across this country that own guns and own guns legally and have never done anything with them," he added. "I think it's strange to vilify an object that that doesn't live, it doesn't breathe."

In Florida, a request for an order can be initiated and filed only by a law enforcement officer or a represen-

tative of a law enforcement agency. Some other states allow others to submit requests.

New York's 2019 red flag law was the first to give teachers and school administrators the ability "to prevent school shootings by pursuing court intervention," a state website says. Family members, prosecutors and police in New York can also ask courts to intervene.

In Illinois, a roommate, in addition to parents and law enforcement officers, can make the request. In some states, doctors and workplace colleagues can.

While only law enforcement can file the petition in Florida, anyone can reach out to a law enforcement agency and ask it to look into a case and potentially file a petition based on what they find.

It requires that petitions for a court order include specific actions or threatening statements made by the subject of the request.

The Florida petition form, posted on court websites, says there must be proof that a person "poses a significant danger of harming himself or herself or others by possessing a firearm or ammuni-Once a petition is filed,

a hearing must be held within 14 days for a judge to go through supporting evidence. If the danger seems imminent, the court can issue a temporary order while the full hearing is pending. Proof must be "clear and

convincing" — a high evidentiary bar — that someone is a risk before an order can be entered.

Orders can be issued for up to a year. After that, the order can be extended for another year, though courts must hold another hearing to do so. Targets of an order must surrender all guns and ammunition, as well as any concealed gun permit.

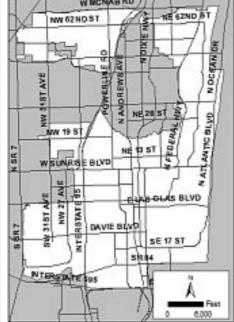
After an order is issued, the person it applies to can request to have it vacated. With an order in place, the burden is on the subject of an order to present "clear and convincing" evidence that they are no longer a risk to anyone.

Some worry red flag laws can lead to those with grudges against a gun owner to make false accusations to police about threats or mental issues. Proponents of red flag laws say existing laws against submitting false reports should help prevent

Others have challenged the constitutionality of red flag laws, saying they allow for the seizure of property - in this case, guns — even when no crime has been committed and through a truncated process that doesn't give subjects a fair chance to dispute the claims.

Among the safeguards against due process violations, courts have held, is the high standard of proof required in most states before an order can issued.

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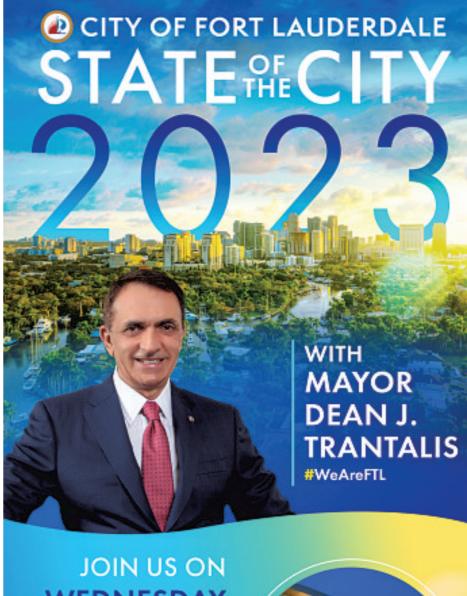
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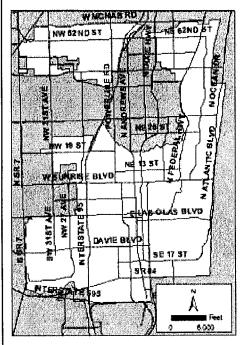
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APPENDIX C

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I am the Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, or an authorized agent of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("City"); as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fire rescue services ("Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll") for the City is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, this certificate and the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Broward County Department of Finance and Administrative Services by September 15, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and directed the same to be delivered to the Broward County Department of Finance and Administrative Services and made part of the above-described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this 13th day of September 2023.

By: _____ Mayor DEAN J. TRANTALIS

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA