



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#24-0689

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2024

TITLE: Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Fire
Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs
and Facilities - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt the annual rate resolution for the Fire Assessment for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

Background

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Assessment Program to fund the fire services, facilities, and/or programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, special equipment, and cost of fire suppression operations on June 15, 1999 (Ordinance C-99-49). The City adopted the Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 24-135 on July 2, 2024, in accordance with Section 2.08 of Ordinance C-99-49. The resolution, among other things, established an assessment rate to fund continued fire services and operations for FY 2025.

The City proposes an annual rate of \$328 per residential dwelling unit, which is an decrease of \$10 from the prior year. For FY 2025, the proposed assessment is \$53,590,517 which is estimated to generate \$51,446,896 in revenue to the General Fund.

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 197.3632(5)(a), the chair of the local governing board or his or her designee is required to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2024.

Resource Impact

This assessment will generate approximately \$51,446,896 in revenue to support the General Fund budget for FY 2025.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

Related CAM

#24-0656

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2025 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2024 Adopted Millage Rate and FY 2025 Proposed Fire Assessment Fee Comparison

Exhibit 3 - Sun Sentinel Advertisement

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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