



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

#24-0774

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Central Wastewater Region Large
User Rate of \$2.85 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated
– **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution setting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Central Region Wastewater Large User rate at \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2024.

Background

The City, through Large User Agreements, operates the Central Wastewater Region facilities, including the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL). The Central Wastewater Region provides treatment services for five (5) cities, including Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Tamarac, and parts of Davie, as well as Port Everglades, Broward County. This accounts for approximately 83 percent of the wastewater treatment services provided by the Central Region.

The Large User Agreements, necessitated by federal funding requirements, establish the methodology for setting rates for large users. The City Commission establishes a billing rate based on budgeted expenditures and assumed gallons of wastewater to be treated for the upcoming FY. At the close of the year, the fund is audited, and the actual rate is determined. If necessary, lump sum rebates or charges are made to adjust the amount paid by each user based on the actual rate.

The Wastewater Large Users Regional Advisory Board, at its July 17, 2024, meeting, voted and approved a FY 2025 rate of \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. This rate represents a three-cent increase from the FY 2024 rate of \$2.82 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. The Central Regional Wastewater Operating Budget for FY 2025 is \$45.8 million.

Resource Impact

The FY 2025 Central Wastewater Region Large User rates will generate \$45,803,228 in estimated revenues.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area
- Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

Related CAMs

CAM #24-0655

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Draft Meeting Minutes - July 31, 2024

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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