



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#25-0784

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2025

TITLE: Public Hearing - Annual Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026 -
Stormwater Program Management - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission hold a public hearing and adopt the Annual Assessment Resolution approving the Stormwater Program Management Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

Background

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission authorized the creation of a Stormwater Management Program Assessment for benefited parcels to fund the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and administration of a public stormwater management system at a rate of assessment based on the special benefit provided to such parcel from the provision of the stormwater management system (Ordinance No. C-20-18). Annually, the City must adopt an Annual Assessment Resolution, in which assessments will be imposed, to approve the assessment roll to fund the City's Stormwater Management Program. On June 30, 2025, the City Commission approved Initial Assessment Resolution No. 25-130 (CAM #25-0537) declaring the City of Fort Lauderdale a Stormwater Management System Benefit Area, imposing a Stormwater Assessment, and setting a public hearing date for the proposed FY 2026 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment.

The proposed assessment rate for FY 2026 is equal to the estimated costs to be paid by the City to operate the stormwater management system utilities within the assessment area for FY 2026. The proposed assessment for FY 2026 is estimated to generate \$42,030,429 in revenue to the City's Stormwater Fund. Exhibit 1 details the assessment rate per property in the Stormwater Management Program Assessment Roll.

The projected allocation per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU) has been adjusted upward by 15% over the FY 2025 stormwater rate to account for the rate increase. The number of EBUs included in the assessment roll is based on data provided by the Property Appraiser's Office, as of July 1, 2025, reflecting the most recent information available.

If the City Commission approves the recommendation, the Stormwater Program Management Assessment will be collected by Broward County's Records, Taxes, and Treasury Division.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale Section 28-200.11(A) provides that the Stormwater Program Management Assessments may be collected pursuant to the uniform method provided in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and the City shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Pursuant to Section 197.3632(4)(a), Florida Statutes, a local government shall adopt a non-ad valorem assessment roll at a public hearing held between January 1 and September 15, if levying the non-ad valorem assessment for the first time. The City approved the resolution on May 5, 2020 (CAM #20-0073) and entered into the required agreements with the Broward County Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector to collect the assessment using this method.

Resource Impact

The FY 2026 Stormwater Program Management Assessment will generate approximately \$42,030,429 in revenues in FY 2026.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure 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 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Stormwater Management Program Assessment Roll

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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