



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0358

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessment Establishing the
Estimated Fiscal Year 2024 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate and
Authorizing a Public Hearing on September 13, 2023 - **(Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a preliminary rate resolution setting the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Fee at \$338 per residential dwelling and establish the date of September 13, 2023 at 5:01 P.M. to hold a public hearing at The Parker, 707 Northeast 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 to consider public comments.

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). Annually, the City establishes an assessment rate to fund continued fire services and operations for the upcoming year.

The City proposes a \$338 per residential dwelling unit, which is an increase of \$17 per Residential Dwelling Unit over last year. For FY 2024, the proposed assessment is \$55,095,989 which is estimated to generate \$52,892,149 in revenue to the General Fund. Based on historical information, the staff projects a 96% collection rate.

The City Manager is required per Section 197.3632 (5)(a), Florida Statutes to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2023.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The revenue estimate is included in the FY 2024 proposed budget.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2024 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2023 Comparable City Fire Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3 - Fire Updated Assessment Program Memorandum

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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