



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

**#25-0321**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Broward County  
and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Film Permitting - **(Commission Districts  
1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution adopting an Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for film permitting.

**Background**

The Broward County Film Permit Ordinance authorizes the County to enter interlocal agreements with municipalities whereby the Broward County Film Commission (Film Commission) acts as a one stop shop for productions to apply for and obtain film permits. This provides a uniform process for those seeking a film permit. Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale seek to create a streamlined process for film permitting that enhances the City's attractiveness as a premier filming destination. The Interlocal Agreement (ILA), included as Exhibit 1, formalizes a cooperative arrangement for film permit applications for productions within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Under this agreement:

- The Film Commission and City of Fort Lauderdale will process film permit applications for productions through a newly launched, user-friendly FilmApp system, powered by Apply4.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale will continue to oversee film permits within its jurisdiction and will collaborate with the Film Commission to facilitate productions and permitting.
- The City retains the right to approve or reject permit applications for filming activities on public and private property and will maintain control over film activities on City-owned land, including parks, beaches, and public streets.

- Fees and the cost of City services associated with film permits will be determined and collected by the appropriate City departments, including the Police Department for off-duty officers, the Transportation and Mobility Department for road closure permits and reserved parking spaces, the Parks and Recreation Department for facility rentals, and the Fire Department for off-duty fire services or required inspections. Productions are responsible for paying these departments directly in accordance with City regulations, as may be amended.

The ILA is proposed to align with the implementation of FilmApp, the Film Commission's new permitting system which enhances efficiency and user experience. The agreement is expected to attract more film and television productions to Fort Lauderdale, fostering economic growth while ensuring continued municipal oversight of film-related activities. Note that City staff is exploring developing a film permitting fee to potentially be implemented in Fiscal Year 2026 in coordination with the Film Commission's FilmApp permitting process.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action. Broward County will provide and fund the new platform.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Economic Development initiative.

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

- The Business Growth and Support Focus Area—Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan:

- We Are Prosperous

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

- The Business Development Focus Area

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement for Film Permitting

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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