



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

**#24-0380**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** July 2, 2024

**TITLE:** Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessment Establishing the  
Estimated Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate and  
Authorizing a Public Hearing on September 12, 2024 - **(Commission  
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a preliminary rate resolution setting the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Fee at \$328 per residential dwelling and establish the date of September 12, 2024 at 5:01 P.M. to hold a public hearing at Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 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 \$328 per residential dwelling unit, which is a decrease of \$10 per Residential Dwelling Unit from last 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. 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, 2024.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The revenue estimate is included in the FY 2025 proposed budget.

### **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.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - FY 2025 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2024 Comparable City Fire Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3 - Fire Updated Assessment Program Memorandum

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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