



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

23-0229

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 8, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving Two Interlocal Agreements with Broward County for the
Distribution of Gas Taxes - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve two Interlocal Agreements with Broward County related to the distribution of Gas Taxes by the County.

Background

Since 1988, the City has been receiving a share of taxes levied by Broward County under the terms of two Interlocal Agreements, as amended. Pursuant to State Law, the tax must be utilized for transportation-related purposes and extended annually by agreement with one or more of the municipalities representing a majority of the incorporated population within the County. Since inception of the original agreement, the County retains the proceeds and distributes portions to eligible municipalities based on population estimates published annually by the University of Florida Bureau of Economics and Business Research (BEBR). The two new interlocal agreements are summarized below:

- The local option gas tax agreement, which is effective January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2053, provides that Cities in Broward County will receive 51.27% of three cents of gas tax, based upon population figures as of April 1st of each year after the effective date of the agreement. The Cities' share of this gas tax has increased over the years due to annexations; however, there were no annexations of populated areas effective September 2022. Therefore, the Cities' current share of the three cents of gas tax will remain the same as prior year.
- The additional one-cent (\$0.01) local option gas tax agreement which is effective January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2053, provides that Cities will receive 26% of the proceeds of one cent of gas tax, based upon population figures as of April 1st of each year after the effective date of the agreement.

The University of Florida Bureau of Economics and Business Research's (BEBR) estimates indicate that the City of Fort Lauderdale's population for 2023 is 189,019 (9.68% of the incorporated County population) as compared to the 2022 estimate of 186,076 (9.60% of the incorporated County population). The updated population figure represents an increase of 0.08% of the incorporated population within the County.

Resource Impact

The State of Florida Department of Revenue provides estimates of the described revenue source in July. The amount budgeted for FY 2024 will be determined based on the 2023 estimate. The FY 2023 budgeted amount for the two revenue sources combined is approximately \$3.4 million.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Be 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 – Interlocal Agreement for Additional Three-Cent Local Option Gas Tax

Exhibit 2 – Interlocal Agreement for Additional One-Cent Local Option Gas Tax

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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