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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** September 5, 2012

**TITLE:** A motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement, in effect through February 14, 2020, with Broward County for the Go Solar - Broward County Rooftop Solar Challenge.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for building permit-related services to be used in conjunction with Go SOLAR!- Broward County's solar energy program.

**Background**

The purpose of the Go SOLAR - Broward Rooftop Solar Challenge is to reduce the installation costs of solar energy systems, to contribute toward the widespread, large-scale adoption of this renewable energy technology and restore the U.S. leadership in the global clean energy race. Go SOLAR! is part of a Department of Energy initiative, which strives to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade.

On August 23, 2011 (11-1220), a motion passed to commit to and support Broward County's Go SOLAR! Broward Rooftop Solar Challenge (formerly known as the Sunshot Initiative project).

On June 19, 2012 (12-1031), a conference presentation was made by Mr. Jeffrey Halsey with Broward County providing a background, status, and next steps.

One of those next steps is entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for permit-related services under the Go Solar program. The County will be accepting web based rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) permit applications, issuing permits, and scheduling re-inspections if needed. The County will also collect the associated fees to be disseminated to the City on a monthly basis. The permit fee is \$552 and the re-inspection fee is \$52. These two fees include a \$13 and \$2 credit card convenience fee respectively. The City will conduct the inspections and re-inspections of rooftop PV systems permitted

under the Go SOLAR program. If necessary, the City will consider amending the zoning regulations so the web based applications for roof top PV installations that utilize the Go Solar permitting process are consistent with City zoning regulations and will not be subject to additional zoning review and inspections, or additional fees.

**Resource Impact**

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$539.00 per building permit that comes through this program and \$50.00 per re-inspection.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1- Broward County Interlocal Agreement

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