RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINE FACILITIES IN THE LAS OLAS ISLES NEIGHBORHOOD; IMPOSING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE LAS OLAS ISLES NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission (the "City Commission") of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City") has enacted Ordinance No. C-10-12 (the "Ordinance"), as amended and codified in Chapter 25, Article IV, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, which authorizes the imposition of Underground Utility Line Assessments for the funding of all or any portion of the planning, construction, installation and equipping of undergrounding facilities benefitting Assessed Properties in a designated Assessment Area located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 13-86, creating an underground utility planning service area for Las Olas Isles Area "B" for the purpose of undertaking certain planning activities for the benefit of properties located within the Underground Utility Planning Service Area "B" with respect to the undergrounding of overhead utility lines; Resolution No. 19-33, electing to use the uniform method for collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied for the cost of providing utility undergrounding to properties within the incorporated area of the City; and Resolution No. 21-198 (the "Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution"), amending and restating in its entirety Resolution No. 19-123 (the "Initial Declaration Resolution"), declaring the intent to install Underground Utility Line Facilities in the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood and imposing Underground Utility Line Assessments against properties located within the Assessment Area pursuant to the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Initial Declaration Resolution, Resolution No. 19-165 adopted by the City Commission on September 12, 2019, Resolution No. 20-157 adopted by the City Commission on September 14, 2020, and Resolution No. 21-198 adopted by the City Commission on September 13, 2021, constituting the prior assessment proceedings, the City has previously imposed and collected Underground Utility Line Assessments on the Assessed Properties in the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood for Fiscal Years 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution 25-129 on June 30, 2025, as the Preliminary Rate Resolution initiating the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and

directing the reimposition of the Underground Utility Line Assessments on the Assessed Properties for Fiscal Years 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance requires the adoption of a Final Assessment Resolution which shall (A) confirm, modify, or repeal the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution with such amendments, if any, as may be deemed appropriate by the City Commission; (B) establish the rate of assessment to be imposed in the upcoming Fiscal Year; (C) approve the initial Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right; and (D) determine the method of collection; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes the Final Assessment Resolution for the Underground Utility Line Assessment to be imposed in connection with the Underground Utility Line Assessment Facilities for the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood, as required pursuant to the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to impose the Underground Utility Line Assessment within the City using the tax bill collection method pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Assessment Roll has heretofore been made available for inspection by the public, as required by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing has been published and mailed to those property owners proposed to be assessed and required to receive mailed notice pursuant to the Ordinance, notifying each such property owner of the Owner's opportunity to be heard, the proof of publication being attached hereto as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 12, 2025, and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered as required by the terms of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby finds and determines that all Parcels assessed derive a special benefit from the Underground Utility Line Facilities, facilities, or programs to be provided or constructed and that the Underground Utility Line Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the Parcels that receive the special benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. AUTHORITY. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, Florida Constitution, Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution (Resolution No. 21-198), and other applicable provisions of law.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Resolution shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Ordinance and the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution. The recitals contained in the "Whereas" clauses of this Resolution are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 3. IMPOSITION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY ASSESSMENTS.

- The parcels of Assessed Properties described in the Assessment Roll, which Assessment is hereby approved, are hereby found to receive a special benefit from the provision of the Underground Utility Line Facilities described in the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution, in the amount at least equal to of the Underground Utility Line Assessment set forth in the Assessment Roll, a copy of which was present or available for inspection at the abovereferenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each parcel of Assessed Properties within the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood will be specially benefited by the City's provision of Underground Utility Line Facilities in an amount not less than the Underground Utility Line Assessment for such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution. Adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit in a manner consistent with the legislative declarations, determinations and findings as set forth in the Ordinance and the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution from the Underground Utility Line Facilities to be provided and a legislative determination that the Underground Utility Line Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution.
- (B) The method for computing Underground Utility Line Assessments described or referenced in the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution is hereby approved. The Parcel Apportionment methodology described and adopted in Section 2.04 of the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution is hereby approved.
- (C) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, the estimated Annual Assessed Cost is set forth in the Assessment Roll. The Underground Utility Line Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and

Parcel Apportionment methodology provided in the Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2025, and for a period of not to exceed twenty-six (26) years, are hereby established in the amount not to exceed \$1,712.75 per EBU. During its budget adoption process and prior to September 15th of each year, the City Commission may adopt subsequent assessment resolutions for each Fiscal Year in which Underground Utility Line Assessments will be imposed to set the rate of assessment and approve the Assessment Roll for such Fiscal Year.

- (D) The maximum rate of assessment set forth in (C) above is hereby approved. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Underground Utility Line Assessments for Underground Utility Line Facilities in the amounts set forth in the updated Assessment Roll, as herein approved, are hereby levied and imposed on all parcels of Assessed Properties described in the Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025.
- (E) The Assessment Roll as herein approved, together with the correction of any errors or omissions as provided for in the Ordinance shall be delivered to the Tax Collector for collection as set forth in Section 5 of this Resolution. The Assessment Roll, as delivered to the Tax Collector, shall be accompanied by a Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B.
- <u>SECTION 4</u>. CONFIRMATION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION RESOLUTION. The Amended and Restated Declaration Resolution is hereby confirmed.
- <u>SECTION 5</u>. METHOD OF COLLECTION. The Underground Utility Line Assessments shall be collected pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and pursuant to Section 25-131.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City.
- <u>SECTION 6</u>. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented (including, but not limited to, the determination of special benefit and fair apportionment to the Assessed Properties, the method of apportionment and assessment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Underground Utility Line Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within twenty (20) days from the date of this Final Assessment Resolution.
- <u>SECTION 7</u>. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section or other part of this Final Assessment Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Final Assessment Resolution.

CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Final SECTION 8. Assessment Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Final Assessment Resolution shall take effect SECTION 9. immediately upon its passage and adoption. ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025. Mayor DEAN J. TRANTALIS ATTEST: Dean J. Trantalis City Clerk DAVID R. SOLOMAN John C. Herbst Steven Glassman APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: Pamela Beasley-Pittman Ben Sorensen Interim City Attorney D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

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The matter of 11745-Other Legal Notices, Was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of, and by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized on Aug 21, 2025 Utility Undergrounding Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: August 22, 2025.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public State of Florida Leanne Rollins My Commission HM 500022 Expires 4/27/2028

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM **ASSESSMENTS FOR LAS OLAS ISLES** UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINE FACILITIES



Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to hear objections of all interested persons to the final assessment resolution of the Las Olas Isles Underground Utility Line Facilities Assessment and to impose nonad valorem assessments against certain property located therein and collecting the assessments on the ad valorem tax bill. The hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. In accordance with the Americans

with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002 at least two days prior to the meeting and arrangements will be made to provide those services for you.

All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Commission within 20 days of this notice. Any person wishing to appeal any decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter considered will need a record and may wish to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

The assessments have been proposed to fund capital costs for construction of the Las Olas Underground Utility Line Facilities to serve the Las Olas Underground Special Assessment Area. The assessment will be divided among specially benefitted tax parcels based upon the amount of Equivalent Benefit Units or EBUs attributable to each tax parcel. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 assessment rates are as follows:

Category	Billing Unit	Cost Per Billing Unit
Single-Family Detached Residential Parcel	EBU	\$1,712.75

A more specific description of these assessment methodologies is set forth in Resolution No. 25-129 adopted by the City Commission on June 30, 2025. Copies of the Resolution, the plans and specifications for the Las Olas Underground Utility Line Facilities Project, and the preliminary assessment rolls are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

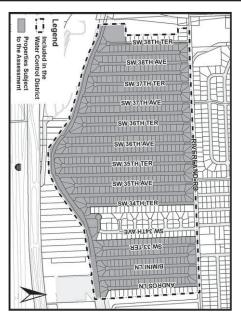
Underground Utility Line Assessments will be collected by the Broward County Tax Collector on the ad valorem tax bill for a period of 30 years, commencing with the tax bill to be mailed in November 2025. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 954-828-7882, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

> DAVID R. SOLOMAN CITY CLERK CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT AND **BUDGET FOR THE LAUDERDALE ISLES** WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Please take notice that on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts – Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom – 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, shall hold a public hearing to consider for approval a resolution approving the non-ad valorem assessment and budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 on behalf of the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District.

All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Commission within 20 days of this notice.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon the following schedule:

Property	Rate Per Freeholder
Each Freeholder within the District	\$15

Copies of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 and also on the City's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov).

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, CITY CLERK, CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR **COLLECTION OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS**



Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale will conduct a public hearing to consider imposing a nuisance abatement assessment fee for the recovery of actual costs paid by the City to abate the nuisance within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The public hearing has been scheduled for 5:01 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, or as soon thereafter as possible at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessment. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City

Commission within 20 days of this notice.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon the actual and administrative cost of the expenses paid by the City to abate the identified nuisance.

Property	Rate Per Parcel
Nuisance Abated Property	100% of unpaid expenses and administrative costs associated with the City's abatement of the nuisance

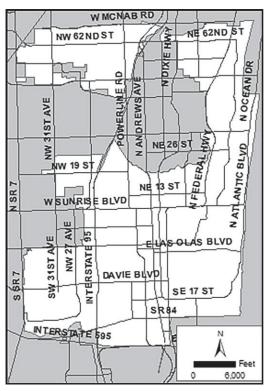
For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, the Nuisance Abatement Assessment is estimated to recover \$82,065.50.

Copies of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (Ordinance No. C-09-18), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 16-161), and the Nuisance Abatement Roll (Commission Agenda Memo #25-0432) for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2025, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in a loss of title. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Department at (954) 828-5249, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF **NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR** STORMWATER PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to hear objections of all interested persons to the annual assessment resolution of the Stormwater Program Assessment and to impose non-ad valorem assessments against certain properties therein and collecting the assessments on the ad valorem tax bill. The hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002 at least two days prior to

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The assessments have been proposed to fund all or any portion of the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and administration of a public stormwater management system. The assessment will be divided among the specially benefitted tax parcels based upon the amount of Equivalent Benefit Units or EBUs attributable to each tax parcel. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 assessment rates are as follows:

Category	Estimated Project Costs Allocation per EBU	EBU Type or Billing Unit	# of EBUs	Estimated Assessment
Category I	\$318.17	Dwelling Unit	44,328	\$14,103,840
Category II	\$3,306.66	Acres	5,534	\$18,299,495
Category III	\$824.85	Acres	604	\$497,852
Trips	\$6.10	Trips	1,496,597	\$9,129,242

A more specific description of these assessment methodologies is set forth in Resolution No. 25-130 adopted by the City Commission on June 30, 2025. Copies of the Resolution and the preliminary assessment rolls are available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301.

Stormwater Program Management Assessments will be collected by the Broward County Tax Collector on the ad valorem tax bill with the tax bill to be mailed in November 2025. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss

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Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: August 28, 2025.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public State of Florida
Leanne Rollins
My Commission HH 500022
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Schools

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while others would consolidate, change or even expand, officials said. Hepburn hasn't given an exact number of how many may close.

The next step will be to hold meetings with local city leaders as well as parents and community members.

Board members said the effort is necessary to ensure they have the money to pay teachers adequately and provide a variety of electives or special classes to all students, something that is difficult to do when the district operates a lot of half-empty schools.

"I think we should look at this as our opportunity," said School Board member Maura Bulman, who represents the southeast part of the county, which has many low-enrolled schools. "We have to seize this moment right now to make some hard decisions so that when we get out the other end of this, we will have a more robust school district that's going to be very attractive."

Last year, Bulman had supported looking at alternatives to closing schools, including improving marketing and overhauling them in a way that might attract more families.

In January, the district agreed to close one school and revamp five. Four elementary schools were converted into K-8 schools, while one middle school became a 6-12 collegiate academy. But while the changes brought modest enrollment gains to those schools, they were more than offset by large declines in middle schools that had served the same students.

Overall, enrollment in district schools fell 10,360 students over the past year. The district has attributed previous enrollment declines largely to the explosion of charter schools, but this year, charter school enrollment was down by 1,009.

School Board members say a major factor this year is the high cost of living in South Florida, which may be causing families to leave. Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County school districts also experienced major enrollment declines over the past year.

"We have lost over 10,000 students. That's not just because we have competition but people are leaving South Florida because they can't afford it," Board member Rebecca Thompson said. "That's nothing changing to a K-8 or



Broward County Schools Superintendent Howard Hepburn talks to Vice Chair Sarah Leonardi during a school board workshop at the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center in Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday. CARLINE JEAN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL PHOTOS

making a specialized program is going to change.... While I believe schools are the heart of our community, and we need to protect them, we need to face the reality that those 10,000 students aren't coming back."

Thompson represents the Miramar and Pembroke Pines area, which includes a large number of schools that could be affected. But she said "if we're smart about it, if we involve the community in it, then we will make a really cruddy situation better."

The current proposal identifies four geographic regions for elementary schools and four regions for middle schools, where the district will focus and get community input. The elementary school regions are in the Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Miramar and Hollywood areas. The middle school zones include the Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Coral Springs, Sunrise and Plantation areas.

The proposal also identified three high schools that won't close but could face major changes to deal with underenrollment. They are Stranahan High in Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale High and Plantation High.



Broward County School Board members during a workshop at the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center in Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday.

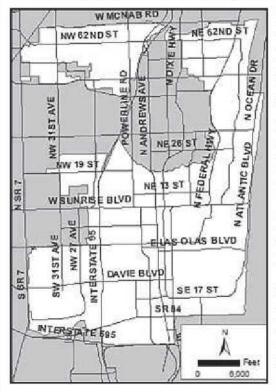
Three middle schools on the list don't meet the district's criteria for being considered for closure, which is enrollment below 70%. They are Ramblewood Middle and Sawgrass Springs Middle in Coral Springs and Silver Trail Middle in Pembroke Pines, which are all close to 80% full.

That leaves 28 schools that could be considered for closure, although Hepburn tried to downplay that at Tuesday's meeting, saying there are a variety of options for schools that are part of this initiative, which is called "Redefining Broward County Public Schools."

"To remain financially stable and strong for the future, we must right-size our district," he said. "That means some difficult decisions will be necessary, including school closures. To clarify, the focus extends beyond school closures. It is centered on maintaining high standards of excellence for all children across every community in the region, for our county."

Hepburn said the school district "will be transparent in every step of the way. We will engage with staff, parents, and community members directly. Together we will face this challenge and together we will shape a strong future for Broward County's children."

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The assessments have been proposed to fund capital costs for construction of the Las Olas Underground Utility Line Facilities to serve the Las Olas Underground Special Assessment Area. The assessment will be divided among specially benefitted tax parcels based upon the amount of Equivalent Benefit Units or EBUs attributable to each tax parcel. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 assessment rates are as follows:

Category	Billing Unit	Cost Per Billing Unit
Single-Family Detached Residential Parcel	EBU	\$1,712.75

A more specific description of these assessment methodologies is set forth in Resolution No. 25-129 adopted by the City Commission on June 30, 2025. Copies of the Resolution, the plans and specifications for the Las Olas Underground Utility Line Facilities Project, and the preliminary assessment rolls are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

Underground Utility Line Assessments will be collected by the Broward County Tax Collector on the ad valorem tax bill for a period of 30 years, commencing with the tax bill to be mailed in November 2025. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 954-828-7882, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

DAVID R. SOLOMAN CITY CLERK CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be

Anyone needing auxiliary services to assist in participation at the meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002 at least two days prior to the meeting, and arrangements will be made to provide those services for you.

APPENDIX B

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I am the Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, or an authorized agent of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City"); as such I have satisfied myself that all properties included or includable on the non-ad valorem assessment roll for underground utility line facilities (the "Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll") for the Las Olas Isles Neighborhood within the City is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the properties listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, this certificate and the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Broward County Tax Collector by September 15, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and directed the same to be delivered to the Broward County Tax Collector and made part of the above-described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this 12th day of September, 2025.

CITY	OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
By: _	
-	Mayor
	DEAN J. TRANTALIS