#25-0401

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2025

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to File a Small Claims Action

for City of Fort Lauderdale v. Terron Alonzo Manley in the amount of \$6,184.38 in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida - \$370 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the City Attorney's Office, as provided for by Sec. 4.12, Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to file a Small Claims Action for *City of Fort Lauderdale v. Terron Alonzo Manley* in the amount of \$6,184.38 in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.

Background

On April 24, 2023, City vehicle number 10155 was properly parked at 106 NW 11th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, when a vehicle owned and driven by Terron Alonzo Manley reversed into the City vehicle striking the front-end.

Mr. Manley was found at-fault for the collision and the City vehicle sustained damage totaling \$6,184.38. Mr. Manley did not maintain vehicle insurance, as required by Florida statutes, and has been unresponsive to staff's attempts at collection recovery.

Staff's evaluation is that securing a civil judgment against Mr. Manley for the damage of \$6,184.38 best serves the interests of the City, based upon the two-year statute of limitations to pursue a claim.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$370 for costs related to the filing fee, issuance on summons and service of the lawsuit.

Funds available as of March 21, 2025				
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT	

10-543-9050-519-50- 5104	Self-Insurance Claims	Non-Operating Expenses / Auto Liability Claims	\$370
		TOTAL AMOUNT ▶	\$370

Strategic Connections

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

Guiding Principles, Fiscal Responsibility

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are United

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Implementation Element
- Goal 1: The Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan shall accomplish the City's Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan regarding the City's future growth and the six Cylinders of Excellence and shall be the City's primary policy document to guide all of its activities and development.

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