



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0675

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 20-211, and Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Development Permits, Landscape Permits, Permits Regarding Historic Preservation, Administrative Review Permits, and Other Engineering, Urban Design and Planning, and Zoning Fees Pursuant to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.1.H. - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider adopting a Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 20-211, and adopting a new Fee Schedule for development permits, landscape permits, permits regarding Historic Preservation, Administrative Review Permits, and other Engineering, Urban Design and Planning, and Zoning Fees pursuant to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.1.H. - Fees and Costs.

Background

On October 20, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 20-211 to repeal Resolution No. 20-174 which established a new fee schedule for Engineering, Urban Design and Planning, Zoning and Landscaping services related to permit and development applications per ULDR Section 47-24.1.H. The services provided include review of development applications and permits to ensure compliance with the City's ULDR. Since the adoption of Resolution No. 20-211, there has been a six percent inflationary increase in operational expenses for Engineering, Urban Design and Planning, Zoning and Landscaping services. Operational expenses that have primarily contributed to the increase in expenses include increases in required personnel expenses such as benefits and cost of living adjustments and increases in contract services to meet current service levels.

To ensure the full cost recovery for providing services, the corresponding resolution will repeal Resolution No. 20-211 and adopt a new fee schedule for development permits, landscape permits, permits regarding historic preservation, administrative review permits, and other engineering, Urban Design & Planning, and Zoning fees. The resolution will

also adopt a new fee schedule with a six percent increase to cover the increase in operational expenses.

Permit fees pertaining to Building, Engineering, and Landscape and Tree Removal will be presented to the Commission in association with other amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Building and Construction Fees conducted by the Building Services Division under a companion item. If approved, the proposed effective date for the new fee schedule will be October 1, 2023.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build 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 financial planning

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 Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Element
- Goal 2: Enhance the economic competitiveness of Fort Lauderdale through policies that encourage retention and recruitment of business and industry which provide living-wage employment and increased training and competitiveness of the local workforce.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Current Fee Schedule (FY 2023)

Exhibit 2 – Revised Fee Schedule

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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