



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

#25-0537

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Preliminary Annual Assessment Resolution for the Stormwater Assessment
Initiating the Process for Imposing the Fiscal Year 2026 Non-Ad Valorem
Assessment and Authorizing a Public Hearing on September 12, 2025 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a preliminary annual assessment resolution initiating the process for imposing the Non-Ad Valorem Stormwater Assessment and establish the date of September 12, 2025, at 5:01 P.M. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts – Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom – 201 SW 5 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 to hold a public hearing to consider public comments.

Background

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission authorized the creation of a Stormwater Management Program Assessment. To fund the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and administration of the public stormwater management system, an assessment has been developed for each benefited parcel at a rate based on the special benefit accruing to such parcel from the provision of a stormwater management system (CAM #20-0383, Ordinance C-20-18). The City must adopt an Annual Assessment Resolution in which assessments will be imposed to approve the assessment roll to fund the Stormwater Management Program.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 recommended Stormwater Assessment is 15% higher than the FY 2025 Stormwater Assessment.

The City Manager is required per Section 197.3632 (5)(a), Florida Statutes to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2025.

Resource Impact

The Stormwater Program Management Assessment will generate approximately \$42,030,429 in revenues in FY 2026.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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