



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

#13-0849

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2013

TITLE: RESOLUTION – FY 2014 Non-Ad valorem Assessment – Fire Rescue
Assessment Fee

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission set the maximum non-ad valorem Fire Rescue Assessment Fee rate of \$225 per single family residential household and establish the date of September 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM to hold a public hearing to consider public comments.

Background

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Rescue Assessment Program to fund fire rescue services, facilities, and/or programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, special equipment, and costs of operations on June 15, 1999 (C-99-49). Annually, the City establishes an assessment rate to fund continued fire rescue services and operations for the upcoming year.

The City contracts with a vendor to conduct periodic surveys to determine the levels of cost recovery. The most recent survey, conducted in April 2013 and updated in June, revealed that in order to receive full cost recovery of fire suppression services, the City must increase the assessment for single family residential properties by \$90 to \$225 per year. This equates to \$7.50 per month for residential dwelling units combined with incremental increases for commercial parcels will generate an additional \$12.3 million in revenue to the General Fund.

The City Manager is required per state statute to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Property Appraiser no later than September 15, 2013.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments:

1. FY 2014 Fire Rescue Assessment Rate Schedule
2. FY 2013 Comparable City Fire Rescue Assessment Rates
3. Fire Rescue Updated Assessment Program Memorandum
4. Budget Advisory Board FY 2014 Budget Recommendation
5. Resolution

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