

#25-0745

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: September 12, 2025

TITLE: Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Lauderdale Isles Water

Management District's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 Per Parcel Abutting on the Canals - (Commission

District 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Annual Non-Ad Valorem Assessment of \$15 per parcel abutting on the canals for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

Background

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District was created as a water management district by the Broward County Commission in November 1970 for the purpose of protecting the water quality of the waterways in Lauderdale Isles. The District became a dependent district of the City of Fort Lauderdale when it was annexed in 2002. The primary activity of the district has been aquatic weed control in canals.

The governing board of the District is required to prepare and submit a tentative assessment rate and budget to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission annually for approval. The special assessment and budget must cover its proposed operation and requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The District advertised its intent to establish the non-ad valorem assessment and budget and approved its tentative budget at its June 16, 2025, district meeting.

The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District's tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$129,790 is based upon a levy on all real and personal property subject to a non-ad valorem assessment of \$15 per parcel for properties within the District.

The Chair of the local governing board, or his or her designee, is required per Section 197.3632(5)(a), Florida Statutes to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2025.

Resource Impact

There is no impact to the City's budget.

Strategic Connections

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

Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2026 Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Budget

Exhibit 2 - Lauderdale Isles Water Management District Minutes - June 16, 2025

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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