



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#25-0751

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 Fiscal Year 2026 Final Millage Rate (4.1193) and Debt Service Millage Rate (0.2306) for the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission hold a Public Hearing and adopt a resolution adopting the final millage rate of 4.1193 and the combined debt service rate of 0.2306 for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Background

In accordance with the City Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of the State of Florida, the City Manager proposed a millage rate necessary to fund operating expenditures for the FY 2026 General Fund Budget. The first public hearing was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 5:01 P.M.

The operating millage rate was tentatively adopted at \$4.1193 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The total taxable assessed valuation of City property is \$63,504,763,583, which will generate an estimated net tax collection of \$251,131,366. The final millage rate along with other revenue resources supports the final General Fund Operating Budget of \$520,425,269.

In addition to the operating millage rate, the final combined debt service millage rate is 0.2306 mills. This debt service millage generates revenue to pay for four (4) separate general obligation bond payments.

A debt service millage rate of 0.0171 is required for the purpose of paying interest and principal for the City's 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bond and will generate an estimated tax of \$1,042,939 for FY 2026.

A debt service millage rate of 0.0175 is required for the purpose of paying interest and principal for the City's 2011A General Obligation Bond and will generate an estimated tax of \$1,067,335 for FY 2026.

A debt service millage rate of 0.0776 is required for the purpose of paying estimated interest and principal for the City's Voter Approved Public Safety Bond and will generate an estimated tax of \$4,732,870 for FY 2026.

A debt service millage rate of 0.1184 is required for the purpose of paying estimated interest and principal for the City's Voter Approved Parks Bond and will generate an estimated tax of \$7,221,285 for FY 2026.

The State of Florida's Truth in Millage (TRIM) process requires that taxing authorities calculate a rolled-back rate that applies to the property tax rate as it changes year over year, in relation to property values. The City of Fort Lauderdale's tentative millage rate of 4.1193 results in a 6.71% increase over the rolled back rate of 3.8604. The aggregate tentative millage rate for the primary taxing authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, which includes the dependent district of Sunrise Key, is 4.1230. The current tentative aggregate millage rate is 6.71% above the aggregate rolled-back rate of 3.8639.

Resource Impact

The revenue generated through these taxes will support the FY 2026 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.

Related CAM

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Attachment

Exhibit 1 - FY 2026 Final City Millage Resolution

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