



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

#23-0779

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: October 17, 2023

TITLE: Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study Presentation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

On September 9, 2021, the City Commission adopted Resolution 21-177 creating the Noise Control Advisory Committee (NCAC). The NCAC was formed to review the impact of noise on residences in the city and to make recommendations to the City Commission on the implementation of strategies to minimize the imposition of noise that provide a balanced approach to the administration and enforcement of the City's Noise Control Program in a manner that allows businesses to thrive while assuring a reasonable noise comfort level for residents.

On January 25, 2022, the City Commission approved the NCAC's recommendation to hire a consultant, and on September 22, 2022, the City Commission approved a \$128,013 agreement for Acoustic Consultant Services and Noise Analysis with Siebein Associates, Inc.

Siebein Associates, Inc. has worked closely with the NCAC and staff to complete the soundscape study using the strategic approach outlined in the Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study Proposal (Exhibit 1). Siebein Associates, Inc. has prepared a Soundscape Noise Ordinance Study Presentation (Exhibit 2) and a Soundscape Noise Ordinance Report (Exhibit 3) which includes the findings of their study, proposes strategies to adopt standards for measuring sound, and offers strategies for detecting and enforcing violations of reasonable maximum permissible sound limits.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports 2024 City Commission Priority, advancing the Economic Development initiative.

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area.
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- The Internal Support 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 planning.

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study Proposal

Exhibit 2 – Soundscape and Noise Ordinance Study Presentation

Exhibit 3 – Soundscape Noise Ordinance Report

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