



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

**#25-0785**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** September 12, 2025

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Central Wastewater Region  
Large User Rate of \$3.22 per 1,000 Gallons of Wastewater Treated  
– **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution setting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Central Region Wastewater Large User rate at \$3.22 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated, effective October 1, 2025.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale, through Large User Agreements, operates the Central Wastewater Region facilities, including the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL). The Central Wastewater Region provides treatment services for five (5) cities, including Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Tamarac, and parts of Davie. The City of Fort Lauderdale accounts for approximately eighty-three percent (83%) of the wastewater treatment services provided by the Central Region.

The Large User Agreements, necessitated by federal funding requirements, establish the methodology for setting rates for large users. The City Commission establishes a billing rate based on budgeted expenditures and assumed gallons of wastewater to be treated for the upcoming fiscal year. At the close of the year, the fund is audited, and the actual rate is determined. If necessary, lump sum rebates or charges are made to adjust the amount paid by each user based on the actual rate.

The Wastewater Large Users Regional Advisory Board, at its July 30, 2025, meeting, voted and approved a FY 2026 rate of \$3.22 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. The proposed rate represents an increase of thirty-seven cents (\$0.37) per 1,000 gallons (12.9% increase) from the FY 2025 rate of \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. The Central Regional Wastewater Operating Budget for FY 2026 is \$54.1 million.

**Resource Impact**

The FY 2026 Central Wastewater Region Large User rates will generate \$52,973,920 in estimated revenues.

### **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 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 2: Develop and maintain an adequate wastewater collection and treatment system, which meets existing and projected needs of the City and adjacent users in the Central Wastewater Region.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Draft Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2025

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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