



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

#24-0581

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2024

TITLE: Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Section 2-151 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to the Settlement of Claims - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to revise the approval process relating to settlement of claims.

Background

Currently, Section 2-151, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides four different levels of authority for settlement of claims. The first level is for claims that do not exceed \$10,000 and requires the approval of the risk manager. The second level is for claims that do not exceed \$50,000 and requires approval of the city manager and city attorney. The third level is for claims that do not exceed \$100,000 and requires approval of the city manager, risk manager, and one (1) member of the city commission. The fourth level is for claims that exceed \$100,000 and requires approval of the city commission.

Staff's recommendation is to add the risk manager as one of the required approvers at the second level and add the city attorney as one of the required approvers at the third level. This change will provide additional and appropriate oversight but will not hinder the approval process.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

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*

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Implementation Element
- Goal 1: Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan shall accomplish City's *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan regarding the City's future growth and the six Cylinders of Excellence and shall be the City's primary policy document to guide all of its activities and development.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance Changes

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

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