



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0436

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 23, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Levying the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Millage Rate of 0.6111 and Debt Service Millage Rate of 0.3568 for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of the City of Fort Lauderdale –
(Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution levying the operating millage rate of 0.6111 and debt service millage rate of 0.3568 for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Background

The special act that created Downtown Development Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale (the “DDA”) authorizes the City to levy ad valorem taxes on behalf of the DDA. The DDA prepares its own budget, conducts public hearings in accordance with Florida State Statutes, and determines the millage and debt service necessary to fund its operations. The DDA’s public hearings were held on September 11, 2025 and September 18, 2025. The millage and budget adopted by the DDA establishes the property tax rates as follows:

	Adopted Millage
Operating Tax Rate	0.6111
Debt Service Rate	0.3568
Total Millage	0.9679

The adopted operating millage rate of 0.6111 is the rolled-back rate, representing a 0% increase. The DDA is below its 1.0000 mill maximum allowable millage rate for operating purposes as established in the special act. The adopted general fund budget is \$3,210,935 and the all funds budget is \$14,392,595. The DDA has provided the City with a copy of its approved millage rate, budget, and corresponding resolutions, which are attached as Exhibit 1.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Fort Lauderdale associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FY 2026 Millage and Budget Information

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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