



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
SPECIAL MEETING

#23-0707

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 13, 2023

TITLE: Public Hearing - Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Fire
Assessment and Assessment Roll for Provision of Fire Services, Programs
and Facilities - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt the annual rate resolution for the Fire Assessment for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

Background

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Assessment Program to fund the fire services, facilities, and/or programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, special equipment, and cost of fire suppression operations on June 15, 1999 (Ordinance C-99-49). The City adopted the Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 23-140 on July 5, 2023, in accordance with Section 2.08 of Ordinance C-99-49. The resolution, among other things, established an assessment rate to fund continued fire services and operations for FY 2024.

The City proposes an annual rate of \$338 per residential dwelling unit, which is an increase of \$17 from the prior year. For FY 2024, the proposed assessment is \$55,095,989 which is estimated to generate \$52,892,149 in revenue to the General Fund.

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 197.3632(5)(a), the chair of the local governing board or his or her designee is required to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2023.

Resource Impact

This assessment will generate approximately \$52,892,149 in revenue to support the General Fund budget for FY 2024.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Be 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 United.

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2024 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2023 Adopted Millage Rate and FY 2024 Proposed Fire Assessment Fee Comparison

Exhibit 3 - Sun Sentinel Advertisement

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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