



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

#22-0218

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 5, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving Retroactive Revisions to the Foreign Trade Zone No. 241 Zone Schedule, Fees and Other Changes – **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing retroactive revisions to the Foreign Trade Zone No. 241 (FTZ-241) Zone Schedule fees and other changes, as of March 28, 2014, and authorize the City Manager to approve and execute future revisions of the FTZ-241 Zone Schedules.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale established FTZ-241 on April 19, 2000, under a Grant of Authority from the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (US Secretary of Commerce and US Secretary of Treasury). Since inception, the goal of the program is to promote development of the Executive Airport Industrial Airpark, serve businesses engaged in international commerce in the greater Fort Lauderdale area, and maximize the City's business retention and attraction efforts. The Zone Schedule sets forth the operational structure of FTZ-241 and the regulations and fees associated with active zone operations.

On March 28, 2014, Lee R. Feldman, former City Manager, submitted to the City Commission an informational memorandum 14-053 indicating revised fees to the FTZ-241 Zone Schedule (Exhibit 1). This memorandum was informational only and should have gone to the City Commission for approval, but never did. The FTZ-241 program has been operating with the revised fees stated in the informational memorandum since 2014.

On April 15, 2014, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute FTZ-241 Operator Agreements as the Grantee of FTZ-241 was approved by the City Commission (Exhibit 2). The described authorization did not include a provision for the City Manager to approve and execute the FTZ-241 Zone Schedule, which comprises the fees.

Upon review of the FTZ-241 program, staff recommends the following revisions to the FTZ-241 Zone Schedule (Exhibit 3):

- Authorize the fees according to Exhibit 1.

- Section I. Foreign Trade Zone No. 241 Administration Directory.
- Omit the Site Descriptions.
- Update Section numbers and various changes throughout the document, as recommended by the FTZ Board.

Staff recommends approving the revised FTZ-241 zone schedule retroactively as of March 28, 2014; authorize the City Manager to approve and execute future FTZ-241 Zone Schedules, and revisions.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.
- Objective: Provide the best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services
- Objective: Create a responsive and proactive business climate to attract emerging industries

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Prosperous*.

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

- The Business Development Focus Area
- The Economic Development Element
- Goal 3: Recognize and include in economic development planning the role of Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airports.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Commission Memorandum No. 14-053

Exhibit 2 – CAM #14-0445

Exhibit 3 – Redlined FTZ-241 Zone Schedule

Exhibit 4 – Revised FTZ-241 Zone Schedule

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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