



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

**#24-0748**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution Providing Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Data Security Agreements for the Information Technology Services Department  
- **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Data Security Agreements for the Information Technology Services Department.

**Background**

In 1970, System and Organization Controls (SOC) was developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to determine how effective a company's internal controls were. Over the past 30 years, companies began to outsource services like credit card processing, payroll processing, and cloud computing. And these services could affect financial reporting or data security. As a result, the need arose for companies to validate their level of security, ideally through a trusted third party.

A SOC 2 report is often required from the City's third-party business partners (outsourced solutions) to provide assurance that those organizations have adequate systems and controls in place to protect critical City information.

In the course of initial conversations with either current or future business partners, with the City of Fort Lauderdale, we need to have a mutually beneficial Data Security Agreement that will allow the Security Division of the Information Technology Services Department to protect the data of the City of Fort Lauderdale while allowing vendors access to necessary information to provide assessments, information, and participation in our procurement process.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

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