



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

#24-0814

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

FROM: Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney

DATE: September 3, 2024

TITLE: First Reading - An Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
Enacting a New Subsection 2-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Thereby Establishing a Code of Conduct for the
City Commission – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends the City Commission adopt the attached proposed Ordinance creating a new subsection 2-29 Entitled “City Commission Code of Conduct” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Background

The City Commission requested more information regarding codes of conduct for the Mayor and Commissioners, as well as the appointed members of the various City Boards and Committees. Currently, there is no unique code of conduct applicable to the Mayor and Commissioners, or the appointed members of the various City Boards and Committees. While there are State and County ethics laws that are broadly applicable, the City Commission requested specific local legislation to set standards for the decorum and behavior of the City Commission and its appointees.

At the May 21, 2024 Conference Meeting, the City Commission discussed the need and benefit of a Code of Conduct and provided direction to draft and present for adoption the attached Ordinance.

Resource Impact

The adoption of this Ordinance has no direct fiscal impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Business Impact Estimate

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance

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