



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

**#25-0065**

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

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

**DATE:** January 22, 2025

**TITLE:** First Reading – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 – Water, Wastewater, And Stormwater, Sections 28-203, 28-223, 28-231; Creating a New Section 28-251 – Cease and Desist Order and Re-Codifying Sections 25-252 through 28-254 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve on First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 – Water, Wastewater, And Stormwater, Sections 28-203, 28-223, 28-231; Creating a New Section 28-251 – Cease and Desist Order and Re-Codifying Sections 25-252 through 28-254 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Background**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) conducted a Pretreatment Program Audit on May 1, 2024, and noted the current ordinance needed to be amended. In a November 6, 2024 letter, FDEP indicated it had reviewed the proposed ordinance, and determined that the revisions satisfied the requirements of Chapter 62-625, Florida Administrative Code (Exhibit 1).

The proposed ordinance (Exhibit 2) includes the following changes:

- *Sec. 28-203. Administrative* – adding a right to revision clause.
- *Sec. 28-223. Periodic compliance reports* – removing the language, ‘except an NSCIU.’ (referring to a Non-significant Categorical Industrial User)
- *Sec. 28-231. Sample Collection* – removing the language, ‘except in the case of NSCIUs.’
- Adding a new *Sec. 28-251 Cease and Desist Orders*.
- Re-codifying *Sec. 28-251. Pretreatment charges and fees* to *Sec. 28-252. Pretreatment charges and fees*.
- Re-codifying *Sec. 28-252 – 28-254. Reserved* to *Sec. 28-253 – 28-254. Reserved*.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – FDEP November 6, 2024, Letter

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Ordinance

Exhibit 3 – Business Impact Estimate

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