



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 20, 2015

TITLE: Discussion on Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

The Local Government Infrastructure Surtax may be levied at the rate of 0.5 or 1 percent pursuant to an ordinance enacted by a majority of the County Commission and approved by voters in a countywide referendum. Generally, the proceeds must be expended to finance, plan, and construct infrastructure; or, acquire land for public recreation, conservation, or protection of natural resources. A more detailed list of authorized uses is contained on pages 2 and 3 of Exhibit 1.

Currently there are 18 counties that levy this surtax and 22 eligible counties that do not. [Miami-Dade County levies a 0.5% Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax and a 0.5% County Public Hospital Surtax].

In lieu of action by the County Commission, the municipalities representing a majority of Broward County's population (approximate 902,000¹) may initiate the surtax through the adoption of uniform resolutions calling for a countywide referendum on the issue.

Proceeds of the surtax are distributed by either an interlocal agreement between the County and the municipalities representing a majority of the County's population or the statutory formula provided for in Section 218.62, Florida Statutes. Under that formula, the proportion each municipality would receive is computed by dividing the population of the municipality by the sum of the total county population plus 2/3 of the incorporated area population. The FY16 estimate of the proceeds of the surtax for the City of Fort Lauderdale is \$17,493,293.

In order for this measure to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot, the ballot question must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections by June 20, 2016.

Exhibit 1 – Excerpt from the 2014 Local Government Financial Information Handbook

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¹ Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Miramar, Coral Springs, Pompano Beach and Davie would provide sufficient population to accomplish this requirement.