



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0542

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

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

DATE: May 3, 2016

TITLE: Resolution Revising the Vacation Rental Registration Fee Schedule

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution revising the vacation rental fee schedule adopted by Resolution 15-183 as authorized under Ordinance C-15-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code).

Background

At the August 18, 2015 Regular Meeting, the City Commission voted unanimously to approve the new Vacation Rental Ordinance, Ordinance C-15-29.

To date, the Vacation Rental Registration Program yielded 126 applications of which 42 (or 33%) certificates of compliance have been issued with \$84,397.50 in revenue generated from registration and business tax fees. Enforcement efforts resulted in five property owners ending the operation of the vacation rental, 23 properties submitting the required registration application, and one property adjudicated by the Special Magistrate. There are 80 properties with code enforcement action in progress and potentially several other properties that remain unidentified.

The proposed changes to the fee schedule recovers the administrative costs to process a registration application for each dwelling within a multi-unit property as well as update records and generates a revised Certificate of Compliance for a Modification to Application. The Transfer Rental Agent Fee is replaced with the Modification to Application. Furthermore, the new registration fee covers the first two property and life/safety inspections; therefore, the descriptions for the inspection types are clarified to enable the applicant to better understand the charges that they may incur in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance.

The amended fee schedule is provided below:

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| New Registration Fee <u>(per dwelling unit)</u> | \$750.00 |
| Renewal Registration Fee | \$500.00 |

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| Third and subsequent Safety Inspection and Re-Inspection No Show Inspections | \$75.00 |
| Late Registration Payment Fee | \$75.00 |
| Modification to Application | \$75.00 |

Staff's research of four different governmental agencies revealed that Flagler County charges \$150.00 for modification.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong beautiful neighborhoods.

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

Related CAM

CAM #16-0541

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Vacation Rental Fee Resolution

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