



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0753

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: June 21, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Letter of No Objection to the Establishment of an ERUV in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a letter of no objection to the establishment of an ERUV within the municipal jurisdiction of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

In late 2015, the Downtown Jewish Center Chabad approached the City seeking permission to construct and maintain an ERUV in the City of Fort Lauderdale. An ERUV is defined as a line delineating an area that symbolically extends the private domain of Jewish households into public areas, permitting activities within that area normally forbidden in public on the Sabbath. The proposed boundaries are I-595 to the south, Oakland Park Boulevard to the north, I-95 to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

The Downtown Jewish Center Chabad requests that the City Manager issue a letter granting the Center the right to establish an ERUV in the City of Fort Lauderdale. A letter was drafted stating that the City of Fort Lauderdale has no objection to the installation and maintenance of an ERUV so long as the ERUV does not violate federal and state law, City charter and local ordinances. ERUVs in South Florida can be found in Hollywood, Hallandale Beach, and Miami Beach to name a few.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the city associated with this item.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban area, and park.
- Objective 3: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are United*.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Letter from the City Manager to Downtown Jewish Center Chabad

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