



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

**#16-1058**

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

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

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort  
Lauderdale to Allow for the Immediate Removal of Vehicles for Sale  
Parked on Public and Private Property

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance to allow for the immediate removal of certain vehicles parked on public or private property.

**Background**

The Code Compliance Division has seen a rise in the number vehicles parked for-sale on public and private property. The current practice to remove a vehicle for-sale includes code compliance officers posting it for tow and then coordinating the removal through the City's contracted tow company. The code compliance officer contacts police dispatch to advise them about the tow and to place the vehicle on a future tow log. This precautionary measure eliminates the possibility the vehicle owner would report the vehicle stolen and enables the dispatcher to provide our neighbor with the information of where the vehicle can be recovered. However, the problem persists as different vehicles for-sale repeatedly appear in the same location and at various hours, and the code compliance officer is unable to make personal contact with the owner in order to pursue removal.

In an effort to improve our effectiveness in mitigating this issue, the proposed amendment of Section 26-164 of the Code prohibits the parking of a motor vehicle on public as well as on private property with the primary intent to sell, hire, or rent the vehicle. Law enforcement officers, parking enforcement specialists, and code compliance officers will be granted the authority to issue a citation and cause the immediate removal of the motor vehicle. Furthermore, the immediate removal of a vehicle will occur without warning if it bears a telephone number that is displayed on three (3) or more vehicles within a 12 month period. This amendment furthers the City's mission to protect and preserve public health, safety, and welfare.

**Resource Impact**

There is no resource impact associated with this action. The City contracts with a towing company for the motor vehicle removal service, who bears the cost of the tow and storage.

**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*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Ordinance

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