



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0070

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

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

DATE: February 7, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Supporting a Request to Submit an Application Expanding the
Service Boundary Area of Foreign Trade Zone No. 241 to Include Dania
Cut.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting a request to submit an application to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board of the United States Department of Commerce to expand FTZ No. 241's service boundary area to include Dania Cut.

Background

On November 9, 2016, the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce approved the request from the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) to operate thirteen marinas under FTZ No. 241. The initial application included two additional marinas who requested to be part of the MIA SF application; however, they are located just outside of FTZ No. 241's service area in what is known as the Dania Cut. The expanded service area (19,605,000 square feet or 450 acres) would extend south from I-595 along I-95 to NE 3rd Street and east to Gulfstream Road to offer greater efficiency for MIA SF operations. MIA SF has requested that the City submit an application to extend our service area to include this area to better service the industry.

At its January 26, 2017 meeting, the Aviation Advisory Board supported staff's recommendation to submit an application to expand FTZ No. 241's service area boundary.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action. There is a \$1,600 filing fee for the Expansion application, payable to the U.S. Department of Commerce ITA, which the Marine Industry Association of South Florida will be paying.

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections..
- Objective 1: Define, cultivate, and attract targeted and emerging industries
- Initiative 1: Evaluate and expand our portfolio of business attraction incentives

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Maps

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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