



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

#17-0343

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

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

DATE: April 19, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Setting Vacation Rental Registration Fees and Waiving
Inspection Requirements for Owner-Occupied Vacation Rentals

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution setting vacation rental registration fees and waiving the inspection requirements for owner-occupied vacation rentals.

Background

Pursuant to Section 15-274 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City Commission adopted Resolution 15-183 at its September 1, 2015, regular meeting setting reasonable fees for registration of vacation rentals. The fee structure reflected the cost of implementing a new regulatory program, which resulted in a vacation rental registration application fee of \$750.00 and an application renewal fee of \$500.00.

Staff performed an analysis of the costs for time and resources utilized during the initial registration and inspection processes. Staff used the results of the analyses to streamline the process, and identify opportunities to reduce the time and costs to register vacation rentals, which would in turn reduce registration fees. Additionally, the City Commission directed staff at its regular meeting on December 6, 2016, to explore reducing the registration fee for owner occupied vacation rentals. Staff determined that the City Commission could waive the required onsite renewal inspection for owner occupied vacation rentals and replace it with an affidavit of compliance by the property owner thereby significantly reducing the annual renewal registration fee for these types of vacation rentals.

The following table outlines the current and proposed fee structure:

Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Difference
Vacation Rental Standard Registration Fee	\$750.00	\$350.00	-\$400.00
Renewal Registration Fee Standard	\$500.00	\$160.00	-\$340.00
Renewal Registration Fee Owner Occupied	\$500.00	\$80.00	-\$420.00
Safety Inspection, Re-Inspection and No-Show Inspection	\$75.00	\$75.00	No Change
Late Registration Payment Fee	\$75.00	\$75.00	No Change
Transfer Rental Agent Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00	No Change

(Note: The revised fees are rounded to the nearest whole number)

Please note that the proposed fee differential for owner occupied vacation rentals is contingent on the adoption of Ordinance No. 17-07, which is also on this meeting's agenda. To review the resolution in its entirety, please refer to Exhibit 1.

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*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Vacation Rental Fee Resolution

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