



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

**#17-0646**

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

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

**DATE:** June 20, 2017

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing the July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular for July 4, 2017 as a Public Purpose Special Event Creating a Temporary Exemption Relating to the Sale, Possession, and Consumption of Alcohol at the Event

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion declaring the July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular, scheduled for July 4, 2017, a public purpose special event, and providing for a specific limited temporary exemption from Section 8-85 of the Code of Ordinances, as it relates to the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol between the following boundaries: AIA between the southern boundary of Southeast 5<sup>th</sup> Street, the northern boundary of Sebastian Street, and the western boundary from the Intracoastal Waterway to the eastern boundary of the Atlantic Ocean.

**Background**

On May 1, 2012, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 12-12, allowing the City Commission, by motion, to provide for a limited temporary exemption from Section 8-85 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol.

The City of Fort Lauderdale's economic sustainability is directly tied to tourism, which, in turn, is greatly enhanced by attracting visitors to major special events. As the region's second-leading industry, tourism accounts for more than 114,000 jobs.

The nine and half hour event will take place from 12:00 pm - 9:30 pm and feature live bands, family activities, patriotic music, beach games and contests. At 9:00 pm, all eyes will turn to the sky for the City's annual Fireworks Show, a dazzling display of pyrotechnics that is sure to thrill children and adults of all ages.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular is expected to generate tremendous awareness and exposure for the City of Fort Lauderdale prior to, during, and following the event through extensive marketing, media, and public relations initiatives. It will act as a tremendous marketing tool for the City, which will strengthen Fort Lauderdale's position as a premier destination for tourism, recreation and entertainment.

As we continue to build upon our positive economic momentum, it is essential for the City of Fort Lauderdale to protect the investment we have made in this event, while providing the best opportunity for its success.

To ensure the July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular can create a one-of-a-kind experience, attract an outstanding crowd, and allow the City of Fort Lauderdale to capitalize on the full economic development potential of this public purpose special event, staff recommends a temporary exemption from Section 8-85 of the Code of Ordinances relative to open containers of alcoholic beverages in specified entertainment and recreational areas of the City.

As always, the Parks and Recreation Department Special Events Team and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will work to host a fun and safe weekend for all neighbors and guests.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 4: Be a healthy community with fun and stimulating recreational activities for our neighbors.
- Objective 2: Celebrate our community through special events and sports.

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Section 5.3, Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances

Exhibit 2 – Section 8-85, Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances

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