



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

**#18-0523**

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

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

**DATE:** July 10, 2018

**TITLE:** Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessment Establishing the  
Estimated FY 2019 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate and Authorizing a  
Public Hearing on September 12, 2018

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a preliminary rate resolution setting the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Fee at \$256 per single family residential dwelling and establish the date of September 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM to hold a public hearing at City Hall 100 North Andrews Avenue to consider public comments.

**Background**

The City Commission authorized the creation of the Fire Assessment Program to fund the fire services, facilities, and/or programs that will benefit the City in its entirety, such as facility improvements, special equipment, and cost of fire suppression operations on June 15, 1999 (Ordinance C-99-49). Annually, the City establishes an assessment rate to fund continued fire services and operations for the upcoming year.

The City proposes a rate of \$256 per single family residential property, the same rate as last year. For Fiscal Year 2019, the proposed assessment will generate an estimated \$40,016,852 in revenue to the General Fund.

The City Manager is required per Section 197.3632 (5)(a) Florida Statutes to certify the non-ad valorem assessment rate to the Broward County Tax Collector no later than September 15, 2018.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - FY 2019 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2018 Comparable City Fire Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3 - Fire Updated Assessment Program Memorandum

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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