



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

**#19-0160**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 5, 2019

**TITLE:** Ordinance Establishing the Bermuda Riviera Neighborhood Improvement  
District

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance to establish the Bermuda Riviera Neighborhood Improvement District.

**Background**

A Local Government Neighborhood Improvement District is a special tax district, within a limited geographic boundary, authorized to collect annual ad valorem assessments to further the safety of a neighborhood. The City Commission has the authority to establish a special taxing district under Section 163.506, Florida Statutes – Local Government Neighborhood Improvement Districts, and in accordance with the City's Ordinance No. C-87-80 – Local Government Neighborhood Improvement District.

On September 14, 2018, the Board Directors, members, and neighbors of the Bermuda Riviera Association, Inc. (Association) met with representatives of the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office to inquire about the process for establishing a Local Government Neighborhood Improvement District to improve the safety of the neighborhood. On March 6, 2018, the Association donated a security camera and an automated license plate reader system to assist the Police Department in the detection, identification, and recovery of stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing and/or endangered individuals, and persons who have committed serious and violent crimes.

To further address safety concerns, the Association proposes levying an ad valorem tax on real property in the neighborhood to implement environmental design concepts. Some examples are street lighting, security patrol, landscaping enhancements to restrict access and security cameras. Their recommendation is in alignment with Neighborhood Improvement Districts, Section 163.503, Florida Statutes, which defines "crime prevention through environmental design" as the use of environmental design concepts such as natural access control, natural surveillance, and territorial enforcement in a neighborhood to reduce criminal opportunity and foster positive social interaction.

**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 Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.
- Initiative 4: Implement findings from the Code Enforcement Process Improvement.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. C-87-80

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Ordinance

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