



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

#19-0471

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2019

TITLE: Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessment Establishing the
Estimated Fiscal Year 2020 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate and
Authorizing a Public Hearing on September 12, 2019 **(Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a preliminary rate resolution setting the Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Fee at \$311 per single family residential dwelling and establish the date of September 12, 2019 at 5:01 P.M. 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 \$311 per single family residential property, which is an increase of \$55 from the prior year. For FY 2020, the proposed assessment is \$48,988,650 which is estimated to generate \$47,518,972 in revenue to the General Fund. This will represent full (100%) cost recovery of fire suppression services for FY 2020.

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, 2019.

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 2020 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2019 Comparable City Fire Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3 - Fire Updated Assessment Program Memorandum

Exhibit 4 - Resolution

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