



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

**#19-1113**

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

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

**DATE:** December 17, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution of Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Costs Associated with Stormwater Management  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution of intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for costs associated with stormwater management.

**Background**

The city is authorized by the Florida Constitution and the provisions of F.S. Ch. 166 and § 403.0893 to construct, operate, and maintain stormwater management systems and to establish just and equitable rates, fees and charges for the services and facilities provided by the system. On July 21, 1992 the City Commission approved ordinance C-92-34 establishing the Stormwater Management Program which serves as the operational means of implementing and carrying out the functional requirements of the stormwater management system.

Under the City's current ordinance, statements for the stormwater utility fee are rendered monthly, in accordance with the regular utility billing cycle, by the utility billing division of the city. During the June 19, 2018 Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission voiced their support of pursuing a hybrid Stormwater Utility fee methodology which incorporated both impervious area and trip generation rates. The initial assessment provided by Stantec Consulting Services determined that there is a need to transition to an annual stormwater assessment prior to implementing a hybrid stormwater utility fee methodology.

Florida Statute 197 requires a local government to adopt a resolution at a public hearing by January 1 if it intends to utilize the uniform method of imposing a new non-ad valorem assessment. Staff are taking the steps needed to provide the Commission with the option of transitioning stormwater management costs to a non-ad valorem assessment in Fiscal Year 2021. However, the final determination of whether the City will transition to this method is contingent upon the Commission's approval in July.

If approved, this resolution will be sent to the Broward County Property Appraiser, Broward County Tax Collector, and Florida Department of Revenue to provide notice that the City intends to use the uniform method to levy, collect and enforce a non-ad valorem assessment for stormwater management.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no impact associated with this action. However, the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office and Broward Tax Collector each charge fees for their services. These agreements and fees will be brought to the Commission at a future meeting.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road and bridge infrastructure.

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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