



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

#20-0348

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2020

TITLE: Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Fire Assessment Establishing the
Estimated Fiscal Year 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate and
Authorizing a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 **(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 14, 2020 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, the same rate as last year. For FY 2021, the proposed assessment is \$49,336,308 which is estimated to generate \$47,856,219 in revenue to the General Fund. This will represent full (100%) cost recovery of fire suppression services for FY 2021.

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, 2020.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Be a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - FY 2021 Fire Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit 2 - FY 2020 Comparable City Fire Assessment Rates

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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