



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

**#20-0719**

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

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

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors  
for Fire Rescue Services - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the execution of a five-year agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the City of Wilton Manors for the provision of fire rescue services.

**Background**

On September 21, 2010 (CAR 10-1340), the City Commission approved a five-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors for the provision of fire rescue services.

On August 18, 2015 (CAM 15-0769), the City Commission approved a five-year extension and Amendment to the current Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue has been providing Fire Rescue services, under the terms of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors, since October 1, 2000. The most recent Interlocal Agreement was approved by the City Commission on August 18, 2015. The current Interlocal Agreement is set to expire on September 30, 2020. This has been and continues to be a mutually beneficial agreement for both municipalities.

Fire Station 16 is located at 553 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street within the City limits of Wilton Manors. It is strategically located to optimize service for the City of Wilton Manors as well as adjacent areas within the City limits of Fort Lauderdale. This Fire Station is owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Wilton Manors.

Under the terms of the current Interlocal Agreement, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue provides staffing for one (1) engine and one (1) rescue, 24 hours/day, 365 days per year. The staff and equipment operate from Fire Station 16.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the Fire Rescue Department has been in discussions with the City staff from the City of Wilton Manors to enter a new, five-year,

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors. The recommended agreement provides for a progressive cost recovery methodology and is based on the reasonable pro-ration of expenses based on the ratio of incidents for the “First Due In” service areas for Fire Station 16.

The previous agreements provided for a base contract amount with an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) based increase. Because of low inflation during the terms of those agreements, the revenue generated did not keep pace with the City's costs to provide the service. The new agreement provides for an annual service fee (\$3,386,204 in Fiscal Year 2021) that equals the City's actual costs. This results in a first-year service fee increase of 20%. Subsequent years' increases are capped at 10%. In addition, the previous agreement netted out the first \$400,000 of emergency transport fees attributable to Wilton Manors from the fee paid. The new agreement separates the service fee from the transport fees, providing for greater transparency in the agreement,

The Fire Rescue Department continues to strongly believe that an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors remains in the best interest of both parties and requests approval from the City Commission to finalize a new five-year agreement.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact for FY 2020. There will be a positive fiscal impact from increased revenue to the City in the amount of \$635,080 relative to the amount that is currently budgeted for FY2021.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.
- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Ensure sound fiscal management

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Wilton Manors Interlocal Agreement

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