



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

#21-0428

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 18, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Amendments to Two Interlocal Agreements with Broward County for the Distribution of Gas Taxes - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve two 2021 Amendments to Interlocal Agreements with Broward County related to the distribution of Gas Taxes by the County.

Background

Since 1988, the City has been receiving a share of taxes levied by Broward County under the terms of two Interlocal Agreements, as amended. Pursuant to State Law, the tax must be utilized for transportation-related purposes and extended annually by agreement with one or more of the municipalities representing a majority of the incorporated population within the County. Since inception of the agreement, the County retains the proceeds and distributes portions to eligible municipalities based on population estimates published annually by the University of Florida Bureau of Economics and Business Research (BEBR). The two interlocal agreements and amendments are summarized below:

- The "additional" local option gas tax agreement levied in 1994 provides for Cities to receive 51.27% of three cents of gas tax. The Cities' share of this gas tax has increased over the years due to annexations; however, there were no annexations of populated areas effective September 2020. Therefore, the Cities' share of the three cents of gas tax will remain the same as prior year. However, the proposed amendment adjusts each City's percentage share of the 51.27% based on updated population figures.
- The "transit gas tax" agreement levied in 2001 provides for Cities to receive 26% of the proceeds of one cent of gas tax. This amendment includes adjustments to each City's percentage share based on updated population figures.

The University of Florida Bureau of Economics and Business Research's (BEBR)

estimates indicate that the City of Fort Lauderdale's population for 2021 is 189,321 (9.88% of the incorporated County population) as compared to the 2020 estimate of 186,220 (9.78% of the incorporated County population). The updated population figure represents an increase of 0.10% of the incorporated population within the County.

Resource Impact

The State of Florida Department of Revenue provides estimates of the described revenue source in July. The amount budgeted for FY 2022, based on the 2021 Amendment, will be determined using such estimate. The FY 2021 budgeted amount for the two revenue sources combined is approximately \$2.9 million.

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 – Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Additional Three-Cent Local Option Gas Tax

Exhibit 2 – Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Additional Fifth-Cent Local Option Gas Tax

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