



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

**#26-0606**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager  
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**DATE:** June 2, 2026

**TITLE:** Second Reading – Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort  
Lauderdale, Florida, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 8.21 – Disposing of  
Public Property – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 8.21 – Disposing of Public Property, conditioned on approval by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale voting in a special election to be held on November 3, 2026.

**Background**

During the May 19, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting, the City Commission heard this item on first reading and unanimously approved an amended ordinance. The title of the amended proposed ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDITIONED ON THE APPROVAL OF A BALLOT MEASURE, BY ADDING A REQUIREMENT OF A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR ANY LICENSE AGREEMENT, CONCESSION AGREEMENT, FACILITY USE AGREEMENT, OR OTHER TYPE OF USE AGREEMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR FOR THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PARK LAND, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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The ballot question has been updated as directed by the City Commission to read as follows:

Should the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter be amended to require a

unanimous vote of the entire City Commission for any license agreement, concession agreement, facility use agreement, or other type of use agreement for more than one year for the use of City-owned park land?

If the ballot measure is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the proposed ordinance would amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to require a unanimous vote of the entire City Commission for any lease, license agreement, concession agreement, facility use agreement, or other type of use agreement for more than one year for the use of city-owned park land.

To review the revised text of the proposed amendments, along with the associated question to be placed on the 2026 ballot, please refer to Exhibit 1.

During the May 5, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting, staff provided the City Commission with a presentation of draft ballot questions associated with various sections of the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter (Charter).

These sections included:

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

- Section 3.03 – Qualification of members; ~~forfeiture of office.~~
- Section 3.04 – Judge of elections and qualifications of members.
- Section 3.05 – Designation of vice-mayor.
- Section 3.09 – Organizational meeting.
- ~~Section 3.10 – Special meeting to seat a new member. (delete)~~
- Section 3.12 – Special meetings – how called.

Article IV – Executive Officers.

- ~~Section 4.06 – Acting city manager upon resignation of or during absence or disability of~~ Designation of interim or action city manager.
- Section 4.08 – Removal or discharge.

Article VI – Civil Service System.

- Section 6.02 – Classified and nonclassified service.
- Section 6.04 – Civil service board; created; composition.

Article VII – Elections.

- ~~Section 7.16 – Election; tie vote; primary election to fill one vacancy.~~

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions.

- ~~Section 10.03 – Public hearing and public notice. (delete)~~

After additional public input and further deliberation, the City Commission directed staff to include additional sections of the proposed amendments to the Charter related to the disposition of public property.

These sections include:

- Section 8.01 – Sale of personal property; ~~procedure; public notice.~~
- Section 8.02 – Sale or lease of city public lands and public property to public bodies.
- Section 8.04 – Sale of real property to private parties ~~persons, firms or corporations.~~
- ~~Section 8.07 – Civil service board; created; composition.~~
- Section 8.09 – Leases, licenses, concessions, and use agreements for more than one year ~~and not more than fifty years.~~
- Section 8.21 – Disposing of ~~public~~ park property.

These recommendations are part of an overall amendment proposal by the Charter Revision Board (CRB). The following will provide a list of communications to the City Commission relating to the recommendations from the CRB:

- May 21, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0535)
- September 17, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0887)
- August 8, 2025 – Commission Memorandum No. 25-138
- September 3, 2025 – Communication to the City Commission with open discussion between the chair / vice-chair of the CRB and the City Commission (CAM #25-0841)
- October 7, 2025 – City Commission Conference Item (CAM #25-0993)
- March 20, 2026 – Letter to Commission No. 26-080
- April 7, 2026 – Charter Revision Board Recommendations & Updates (CAM #26-0382)
- May 5, 2026 – Presentation Charter Revision Ballot Questions (CAM #26-0466)

If the corresponding ballot measure is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the proposed ordinance would amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to:

- Require a unanimous vote of the entire City Commission for any lease, license agreement, concession agreement, facility use agreement, or other type of use agreement for more than one year for the use of city-owned park land;
- Simplify the sale of city-owned personal property such as vehicles, furniture, and equipment, and city-owned land other than parks;
- Add limitations on lease, license, concession, or other types of agreements with private parties for use of city-owned land; and
- Add limitations on the sale or lease of city-owned land to other governments.

### **Related CAMs**

CAM #26-0582

CAM #26-0583

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CAM #26-0606

CAM #26-0584  
CAM #26-0585  
CAM #26-0602  
CAM #26-0603  
CAM #26-0604  
CAM #26-0605

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. C-26-26  
Exhibit 2 – Business Impact Estimate

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