



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0649

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

FROM: Christopher Cooper, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2026

TITLE: Public Hearing – First Reading – Ordinance Amending City of Fort
Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-
6.10 and Section 47-6.11 to amend the List of Permitted and Conditional
Uses of the Community Business (CB) and Boulevard Business (B-1)
Zoning Districts to add Fortune Tellers, Psychic Readers as Accessory
Uses to Retail Sales – Case No. UDP-T25006 – **(Commission Districts 1,
2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an ordinance amending City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-6.10 and Section 47-6.11 to amend the List of Permitted and Conditional Uses of the Community Business (CB) and Boulevard Business (B-1) zoning districts to add “*fortune tellers, psychic readers*” as accessory uses to retail sales.

Background

The purpose of the proposed ULDR amendment is to add fortune tellers, psychic readers to the List of Permitted and Conditional Use tables for the Community Business (CB) and Boulevard Business (B-1) zoning districts.

Fortune telling and psychic reading are not permitted uses in the CB or B-1 zoning districts but are permitted uses in the General Business (B-2) and Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial (B-3) districts. In 2005, the City of Fort Lauderdale was sued for refusing to issue an occupational license to a fortuneteller seeking to operate in the B-1 zoning district. In 2006, the City Commission settled the suits by permitting fortunetellers to operate in a B-1 zoning district as ancillary uses to a principal retail use.

In 2025, the plaintiffs from the 2005 case sought to relocate their business to another location in a B-1 zoning district and were denied a City Business Tax Receipt. Subsequently, they brought a lawsuit that resulted in a settlement consistent with prior settlements. At the November 18, 2025, City Commission Conference Meeting, and upon the advice of the City’s legal counsel, the City Commission directed staff to process

amendments to the ULDR to add fortunetelling and psychic reading as accessory uses to retail sales in the CB and B-1 zoning district.

On May 20, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB), acting as the local planning agency (LPA) reviewed the proposed ordinance and recommended approval (8-0), finding the proposed amendments consistent with the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan. May 20, 2026, PZB Staff Report, and meeting minutes are attached as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively.

The proposed ordinance is attached as Exhibit 4.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Business Growth and Support Focus Area, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Future Land Use Element
- Goal 1: Uses and densities permitted in the future land use categories are established within the City of Fort Lauderdale Land Use Plan. Development Regulations as to permitted uses and densities must be in compliance with the permitted uses of the City Land Use Plan as shown on the Future Land Map.
- Business Development Focus Area
- Economic Development Area
- Goal 1, Enhance Fort Lauderdale's stature as a global, business friendly destination through the development of a business identity, enhanced marketing, branding, and support for enhanced local activities and tourism development.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – May 20, 2026, PZB Staff Report
Exhibit 2 – May 20, 2026, PZB Meeting Minutes
Exhibit 3 – Business Impact Estimate
Exhibit 4 – Ordinance

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