



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

Limiting Outdoor Events on the Barrier Island

June 2, 2026

Previous Commission Direction



At the April 21, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting staff presented fee recommendations, signature and legacy designations, and limiting of event considerations (CAM #26-0410).



The City Commission provided direction to move forward with the new application fees, implementation of an impact fee matrix, and event designations.



The City Commission requested to have additional opportunities to consider limiting events on the barrier island.

Barrier Island Permitted Events Overview

| | 2024 Events | 2025 Events | 2026 Events* |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Festival – Small / Medium | 17 | 14 | 5 |
| Festival - Large | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Market | 89 | 94 | 37 |
| Miscellaneous | 19 | 15 | 12 |
| Small Musical | 22 | 25 | 12 |
| Sports | 11 | 15 | 14 |
| Swimming | 23 | 28 | 10 |
| Walk/Run | 14 | 11 | 6 |
| Total Barrier Island Events | 198 | 205 | 99 |



Limiting Events Considerations

Restrict the number of road closures issued monthly between September and April

*Currently there are nineteen (19) annually

Civic Association Acknowledgement Form to be submitted by Event Organizer

Establish a guaranteed “quiet weekend” monthly

Implement seasonal restrictions

Seasonal Event Restrictions

- Peak times, including spring break and holiday periods, experience increased tourists and traffic congestion.
- Several large events during spring break (Tortuga Music Festival, Aids Walk and Music Festival, March for Cancer).
- Restrictions could improve mobility, emergency access, and overall safety by limiting road closures during busiest times.
- Clear blackout periods in permit processes allow event organizers to plan in advance.

| Month | Closures |
|--------------|-----------|
| January | 1 |
| February | 2 |
| March | 3 |
| April | 1 |
| May | 3 |
| June | 0 |
| July | 1 |
| August | 1 |
| September | 1 |
| October | 0 |
| November | 4 |
| December | 2 |
| TOTAL | 19 |

Restriction on the Number of Road Closure Permits Issued Monthly

- Limiting monthly event permits with road closures could mitigate traffic congestion and improve emergency access and livability by balancing demand.
- Could create congestion elsewhere in the city or bump legacy events to other dates.
- Clear permitting policy enhances consistency while allowing City Commission to provide exemptions.

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Civic Association Acknowledgment Form

- Strengthens communication between event organizers and the neighborhoods most impacted by outdoor events.
- Allows residents to express concerns, and request changes.
- The acknowledgement form will be shared with the City Commission as part of the outdoor event approval process.

**Neighborhood/Civic Association Outdoor
Event Acknowledgement Form**


This form is being provided to the Neighborhood/Civic Association to serve as advance notice of a potential upcoming event and confirms acknowledgement of the event and its impacts.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Event Name: | |
| Event Date: | |
| Event Time: | |
| Event Location: | |
| Event Description | |
| Road Closure: | |
| Amplified Music | |

Neighborhood/Civic Association Acknowledgement:
Please acknowledge receipt of this notice and awareness of the event date and its impacts.

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| Neighborhood/Civic Association: | |
| Representative Name: | |
| Title/Role: | |
| Representative Signature: | |
| Date: | |
| Contact Number: | |

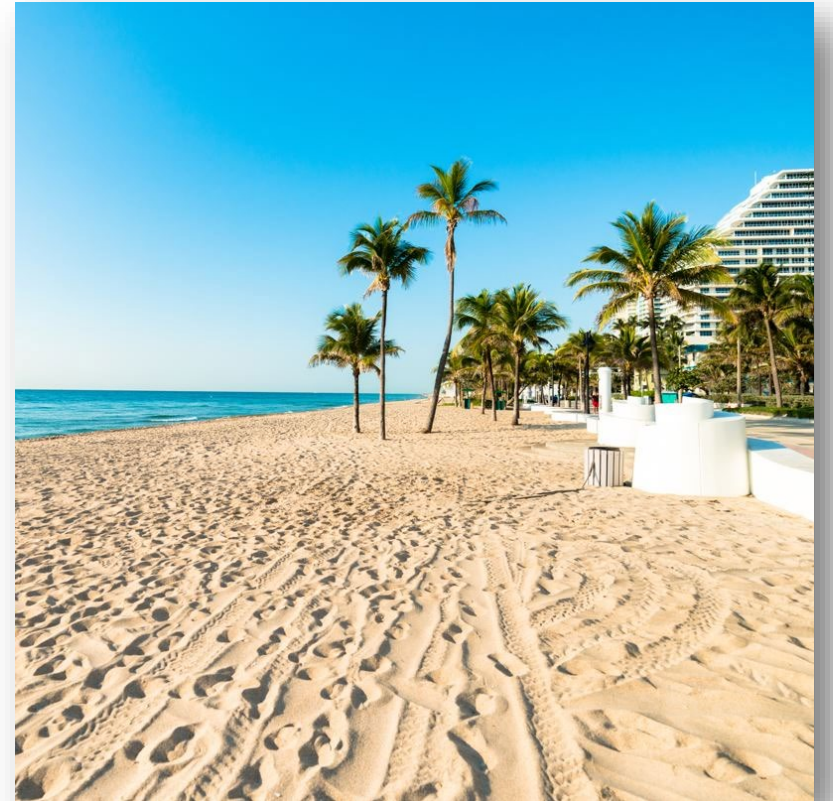
Comments or Notes (optional):



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Quiet Weekend Designation

- Quiet weekends reduce noise, congestion, and operational strain by halting permitted outdoor events during a specified time.
- The quiet weekend would **not** be the same weekend each month which may create cause confusion.
- Restricting available date might result in events moving downtown.
- Supports city resources, livability, and neighborhood character preservation through intentional community rest periods.



Possible Impacts of Event Limitations



Beach hotels looking for increased activity during summer months and ways to promote tourism (slow season)



Decreased number of events overall



Ease Traffic Congestion



Events customarily on the barrier island may elect to go downtown or leave Fort Lauderdale



Reduce noise allowing for quieter neighborhoods



May cause Legacy Events and Signature Events to change dates to a different month or leave Fort Lauderdale



Less wear on infrastructure



Decrease in event generated revenue

Options for Consideration

1

Adopt all recommendations to limit the number of events

2

Adopt selected recommendations or other recommendations to limit the number of events

3

Don't limit events. Draft Ordinance modifications as previously directed by the City Commission
(event matrix, fees, etc.)

Anticipated Next Steps

