



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

#26-0521

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Motion Modifying a Sovereignty Submerged Land Lease between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida / Board of Trustees FILE NO. 060024586 - New River – **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper City officials to execute a modification to Sovereignty Submerged Land Lease (SLL) Board of Trustees File No. 060024586 between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (Trustees) for the New River.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale currently leases approximately 6.2704 acres of sovereignty submerged lands from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for operation of the New River pursuant to Sovereignty Submerged Land Lease BOT File No. 060024586. The current lease term expires January 1, 2028.

The New River includes commercial docking facilities, floating docks, recreational vessel access, and associated marine improvements situated on state-owned submerged lands. The City has maintained sovereignty submerged land authorizations for this portion of New River since the 1990s.

Broward County is currently pursuing a separate Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) associated with the existing SW 4 / 7 Avenue bascule bridge crossing over the New River. As part of the County's permitting and title clarification efforts, a survey and legal description identified a minor overlap area between the County's proposed easement area and the City's existing lease area under BOT File No. 060024586.

The overlap area consists of approximately 155 square feet located adjacent to the southeast bridge quadrant. To address the overlap and eliminate any conflicting sovereignty submerged land interests, the Trustees prepared a lease modification reducing the City's lease area by approximately 155 square feet effective March 31, 2026.

The modification does not materially impact the City's operations on the New River and does not alter the authorized use of the remaining leased premises. The proposed action is administrative in nature and is necessary to accommodate Broward County's separate sovereignty submerged lands authorization associated with the bridge structure and related improvements.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with approval of this item.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Sovereignty SLL Modification – BOT File No. 060024586

Exhibit 2 – Existing Sovereignty SLL BOT File No. 060024586

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

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