



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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** April 21, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Five (5)-Year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for Reciprocal Use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Reciprocal Use Agreement (RUA) with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC), in substantially the form attached, for reciprocal use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale and SBBC have a longstanding partnership rooted in the shared understanding that cities and schools can leverage each other's facilities to better serve the community. The current RUA was authorized by the City Commission on June 1, 2021 (CAM #21-0487) for a five (5)-year term commencing June 21, 2021, which is set to expire on June 20, 2026 (Exhibit 1). This excludes those facilities in which the City has an existing Recreation License Agreement with SBBC (CAM #24-1088).

The proposed RUA continues a mutual framework which permits the City and SBBC to use each other's facilities at no rental cost, with the exception of pool usage. Both parties agree to provide reciprocal access to pool facilities, with up to 150 hours of annual pool use at no cost. Usage beyond 150 hours is billed at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour.

The City agrees to make twenty-four (24) City-owned parks and facilities, as further defined in Exhibit A of the proposed RUA (Exhibit 2), available to SBBC for educational and training purposes, at mutually agreed-upon dates and times. SBBC agrees to make twenty-two (22) school sites across Fort Lauderdale, as further defined in Exhibit B of the proposed RUA (Exhibit 2), available to the City, including elementary, middle, high, and vocational/technical school campuses, for educational, recreational, and training purposes. In addition, the City may utilize the school sites for its recreational programs, special functions, training, and civic/homeowners' association and community meetings.

The proposed RUA waives facility rental fees. However, reimbursable costs, which are limited to custodial services (when facilities are not returned to their pre-use condition), energy costs during summer, and personnel costs, are not waived. The associated fees are included within the proposed RUA, below are examples of common reimbursement costs that the City may incur.

<b>Utilities Costs and Custodial Costs</b>	
<b>Fee Category</b>	<b>Cost Unit</b>
Energy (Light, Cooling and Power)	\$35.00 per hour
Custodial Services	\$188.00 (includes four (4)-hour Minimum) \$47.00 per each additional hour
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	
Technical Supervision	\$47.00 per hour
Technical Crew	\$47.00 per hour
School Security Officer	\$47.00 per hour
Off-duty detail officer	Cost Set by local law enforcement agency
Stand-by electrician	\$62.50 per hour
Stadium Manager (Athletic Director or designee)	\$62.50 per hour
Wanding Services	Cost Set by the approved BCPS vendor providing the services

SBBC agrees to allow the City use of SBBC owned facilities in the City of Fort Lauderdale on such days and at such times as are mutually agreed upon by the School Board Superintendent or their designee and the City Manager or their designee. Requests for facility use are submitted via a Notice of Facility Use Form (Exhibit C) a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days in advance. The receiving party has eight (8) calendar days to approve or deny the request.

A component of this agreement supports the City's public safety operations. Specifically, the agreement authorizes the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department to access SBBC facilities for law enforcement and fire rescue training at school facilities, including security focus on preparing for school-related incidents, at no cost to the City, when training is designed to enhance the City's response to incidents at SBBC schools.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Commission Priority, advancing Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – 2021 Reciprocal Use Agreement

Exhibit 2 – 2026 Reciprocal Use Agreement

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