



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

#26-0585

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager
Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney

DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Second Reading – Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort
Lauderdale, Florida, Article IV, Executive Officers by Establishing the Charter
Position of Fire Chief – (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Article IV, Executive Officers, 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 a walk-on ordinance that, if approved through a ballot measure, would establish the position of Fire Chief as a Charter Officer position.

The proposed amendment would create a new Section 4.16. - Fire Chief; appointment; compensation, within Article IV, Executive Officers.

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 establish the Fire Chief as a Charter Officer that would report to the City Commission, with compensation set by resolution. If approved in conjunction with companion CAM #26-0584 the City would have a total of six (6) charter officers.

The first reading of the ordinance was held on May 19, 2026, under CAM #26-0571. The City Commission approved the ordinance with the addition of a residency requirement.

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

Related CAMs

CAM #26-0582

CAM #26-0583
CAM #26-0584
CAM #26-0602
CAM #26-0603
CAM #26-0604
CAM #26-0605
CAM #26-0606

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. C-26-28
Exhibit 2 – Business Impact Estimate

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