



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

#26-0583

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager
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DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Second Reading – Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 8.01 – Sale of Personal Property, 8.02 – Sale or Lease of City Property to Public Bodies, 8.04 – Sale of Real Property to Private Parties, 8.07 – Leases with Governmental Entities or Agencies for Governmental Purposes, 8.09 – Leases for More Than One Year and Not More Than Fifty Years – **(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 VIII, Public Property, 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

On May 19, 2026, the City Commission approved this item on first reading by unanimous vote. This item was part of a combined Commission Agenda Memorandum (CAM) on the May 19, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda. To help clarify the proposals and provide clarity on the voting, this item has been separated into an individual CAM for the second reading.

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 simplify the sale of city-owned personal property such as vehicles, furniture, and equipment, and city-owned land other than parks, adding limitations on agreements with private parties for the use of city-owned land, and adding limitations on the sale or lease of city-owned land to other governments.

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

On May 5, 2026, staff provided the City Commission with a presentation of draft ballot questions associated with various sections of the City of Fort Lauderdale Charter (Charter).

These sections included:

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

- Section 3.03 – Qualification of members; ~~forfeiture of office.~~
- Section 3.04 – Judge of elections and qualifications of members.
- Section 3.05 – Designation of vice-mayor.
- Section 3.09 – Organizational meeting.
- ~~Section 3.10 – Special meeting to seat a new member. (delete)~~
- Section 3.12 – Special meetings – how called.

Article IV – Executive Officers.

- Section 4.06 – ~~Acting city manager upon resignation of or during absence or disability of~~ Designation of interim or action city manager.
- Section 4.08 – Removal or discharge.

Article VI – Civil Service System.

- Section 6.02 – Classified and nonclassified service.
- Section 6.04 – Civil service board; created; composition.

Article VII – Elections.

- Section 7.16 – Election; tie vote; ~~primary election to fill one vacancy.~~

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions.

- ~~Section 10.03 – Public hearing and public notice. (delete)~~

After additional public input and further deliberation, the City Commission directed staff to include additional sections of the proposed amendments to the Charter related to the disposition of public property.

These sections include:

- Section 8.01 – Sale of personal property; ~~procedure; public notice.~~
- Section 8.02 – Sale or lease of city public lands and public property to public bodies.
- Section 8.04 – Sale of real property to private parties persons, firms or corporations.
- ~~Section 8.07 – Civil service board; created; composition.~~
- Section 8.09 – Leases, licenses, concessions, and use agreements for more than one year ~~and not more than fifty years.~~
- Section 8.21 – Disposing of public park property.

These recommendations are part of an overall amendment proposal by the Charter Revision Board (CRB). The following will provide a list of communications to the City Commission relating to the recommendations from the CRB:

- May 21, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0535)
- September 17, 2024 – CRB/City Commission Joint Workshop (CAM #24-0887)
- August 8, 2025 – Commission Memorandum No. 25-138
- September 3, 2025 – Communication to the City Commission with open discussion between the chair / vice-chair of the CRB and the City Commission (CAM #25-0841)
- October 7, 2025 – City Commission Conference Item (CAM #25-0993)
- March 20, 2026 – Letter to Commission No. 26-080
- April 7, 2026 – Charter Revision Board Recommendations & Updates (CAM #26-0382)
- May 5, 2026 – Presentation Charter Revision Ballot Questions (CAM #26-0466)

If the corresponding ballot measure is approved by a majority of the electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale voting in the election, the proposed ordinance would amend the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to:

- Simplify the sale of city-owned personal property such as vehicles, furniture, and equipment, and city-owned land other than parks;
- Add limitations on lease, license, concession, or other types of agreements with private parties for use of city-owned land; and
- Add limitations on the sale or lease of city-owned land to other governments.

Related CAMs

- CAM #26-0582
- CAM #26-0584
- CAM #26-0585
- 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-26-25
 - Exhibit 2 – Business Impact Estimate
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