



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-102

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget and Balancing Act Submittal

In accordance with the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, which requires the City Manager to formally submit the proposed budget “during the month of July,” it is my pleasure to present the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The FY 2026 Proposed Budget is available for inspection at the City Clerk’s Office, and an electronic copy can be viewed on the City’s website at FortLauderdale.gov/Budget.

As in prior years, to encourage engagement in the budget process, the Office of Management and Budget has released a Balancing Act simulation based on the Proposed FY 2026 General Fund operating budget. The Balancing Act tool allows residents to interact with a model of the FY 2026 Proposed General Fund budget to:

- Adjust department allocations;
- Include or remove enhanced funding requests and
- Modify policy-driven revenues like ad-valorem property taxes or assessment fees.

The feedback gathered will be compiled in advance of the September 3, 2025 Public Hearing on the FY 2026 Budget. The tool is available on the City’s website at <https://fortlauderdale.abalancingact.com>.

Please contact Laura Reece, Director of the Office of Management and Budget at lreece@fortlauderdale.gov or (954) 828-5894 with any questions or concerns.

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