



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-213

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: October 24, 2025
SUBJECT: **In-Building Emergency Responder Two-Way Radio Communication Systems and Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDAs)**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to address the current requirements governing in-building emergency responder two-way radio communication systems (ERRCS) within the City of Fort Lauderdale, and to demonstrate the Fort Lauderdale Fire Prevention Bureau's adherence and enforcement of applicable codes and standards as adopted under Florida law.

Chapter §633.202(18) Florida Statutes, establishes the foundation for minimum radio signal strength requirements for emergency responder communications in new and existing buildings throughout the State. The statute further authorizes the installation of or equivalent systems to achieve required coverage and expressly limits local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent requirements than those defined within the statute.

In accordance with this statute, the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC), as adopted by the State Fire Marshal and implemented locally, incorporates National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards 1, Section 11.10, and NFPA 1221 / 1225, which outline system design, installation, and testing criteria for these life-safety communication systems. These nationally recognized standards ensure that emergency personnel have reliable radio coverage throughout a building during an emergency.

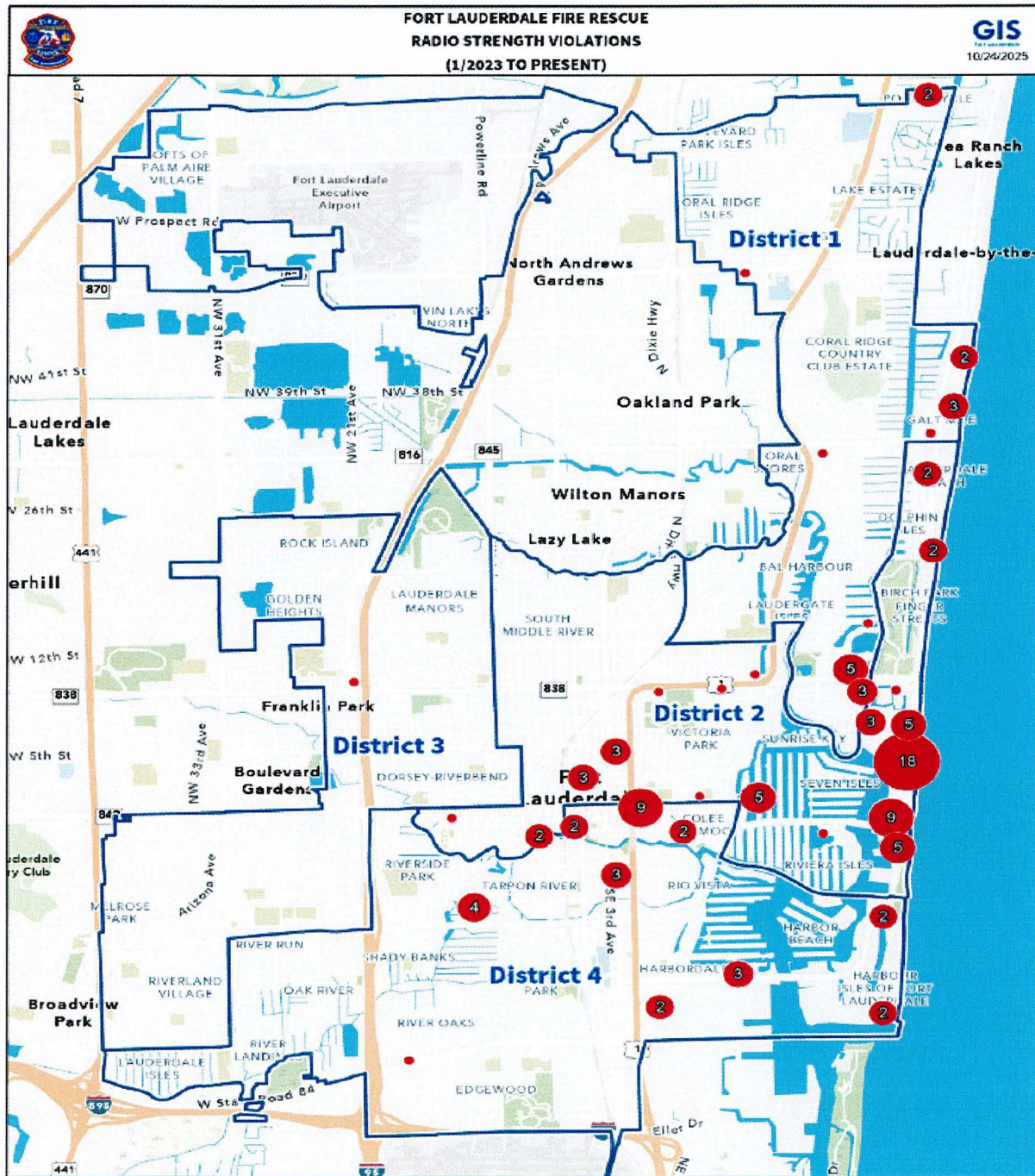
At the county level, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) has adopted Section 118 of the Florida Building Code, Broward County Edition, which specifically addresses Two-Way Radio Communication Enhanced Public Safety Signal Booster Systems. This local amendment requires compliance with NFPA standards and mandates that new systems be compatible with both 700/800 MHz P25 digital trunked systems used by Broward County public safety agencies.

While the intent of these laws and codes is to enhance responder safety and communications reliability, it is important that enforcement within the City of Fort Lauderdale remains aligned with the statutory limitations established by Florida law. Buildings are inspected annually by fire inspectors and if their radios fail to operate as

designed during the fire inspection, then the building is cited for minimum radio signal strength.

Since January 2023, there have been sixty-nine (69) buildings cited for NFPA 1 11.10 minimum radio signal strength. The included heat map indicates the locations of those buildings, precise addresses are listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Rescue Chief Stephen Gollan at 954-828-6862 or sgollan@fortlauderdale.gov.



Cited Buildings

1. 1 W LAS OLAS BLVD
2. 101 S FTL BEACH BLVD
3. 1020 NW 23 AVE
4. 1025 NE 18 AVE
5. 1030 SEMINOLE DR
6. 110 N FEDERAL HWY
7. 1101 RIVER REACH DR
8. 1101 SEABREEZE BLVD
9. 111 SE 8 AVE
10. 1110 SEMINOLE DR
11. 120 NE 4 ST
12. 1200 E LAS OLAS BLVD
13. 1201 RIVER REACH DR
14. 124 HENDRICKS ISLE
15. 130 NE 4 ST
16. 1300 W BROWARD BLVD
17. 1401 E BROWARD BLVD
18. 1617 SE 17 ST
19. 1640 E SUNRISE BLVD
20. 1748 E COMMERCIAL
BLVD
21. 1801 W 84 SR
22. 1819 SE 17 ST
23. 1919 SE 10 AVE
24. 200 S BIRCH RD
25. 2000 N OCEAN BLVD
26. 209 N FTL BEACH BLVD
27. 2100 S OCEAN LN
28. 215 SE 8 AVE
29. 219 S FTL BEACH BLVD
30. 2200 S OCEAN LN
31. 2465 E SUNRISE BLVD
32. 2501 NE 30 ST
33. 2770 NE 14 ST
34. 2821 N OCEAN BLVD
35. 3000 HOLIDAY DR
36. 301 SW 1 AVE
37. 303 N FTL BEACH BLVD
38. 307 NW 1 AVE
39. 3200 N PORT ROYALE DR
40. 321 N FTL BEACH BLVD
41. 333 SUNSET DR
42. 3335 NE 32 ST

43. 345 N FTL BEACH BLVD
44. 3500 GALT OCEAN DR
45. 3537 GALT OCEAN DR
46. 3550 GALT OCEAN DR
47. 401 N FTL BEACH BLVD
48. 401 SW 4 AVE
49. 4020 GALT OCEAN DR
50. 4100 GALT OCEAN DR
51. 440 SEABREEZE BLVD
52. 45 HENDRICKS ISLE
53. 501 NE 5 TER
54. 501 SE 2 ST
55. 520 SE 5 AVE
56. 533 NE 3 AVE
57. 545 S FTL BEACH BLVD
58. 551 N FTL BEACH BLVD
59. 600 W LAS OLAS BLVD
60. 615 BAYSHORE DR
61. 619 N FTL BEACH BLVD
62. 70 HENDRICKS ISLE
63. 701 N FTL BEACH BLVD
64. 720 BAYSHORE DR
65. 750 SE 3 AVE, #COMMON
66. 790 E BROWARD BLVD
67. 900 E SUNRISE BLVD
68. 909 BREAKERS AVE
69. 936 INTRACOASTAL DR

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