



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 25-216**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** October 31, 2025

**SUBJECT: Status of Water and Wastewater Consent Orders**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the City's Consent Orders with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) pertaining to the water and wastewater systems.

The City of Fort Lauderdale remains in compliance with the existing wastewater Consent Order and is actively negotiating two (2) new Consent Orders with FDEP to address the condition, performance, and resilience of the City's water and wastewater systems.

Utility Services Department staff are scheduled to present to the City's Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee on the active and pending Consent Orders on Monday, November 3, 2025. The presentation will provide a status update on the current and pending Consent Orders.

City staff will continue to work closely with FDEP as both the pending Water Consent Order and Second Amended Wastewater Consent Order progress toward finalization. The negotiations are expected to conclude by early 2026, after which the Consent Orders will be presented to the City Commission for approval and authorization for the City Manager to execute.

### **Wastewater Consent Orders**

Consent Order (OGC No. 16-1487): Active with Second Amendment Pending

- In 2017, the City entered this Consent Order with FDEP due to sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). In 2020, this Consent Order was amended due to several breaks on critical sewer transmission pipes. The City continues to meet critical milestones and is making significant progress toward the completion of all capital projects under this Consent Order. To date, 71 of 76 milestones have been completed, with 54 milestones finished ahead of schedule. All remaining projects are progressing on schedule with the approved extensions. The final

completion date for all requirements in the Amended Consent Order is March 22, 2027.

Negotiations are currently underway with FDEP on a Second Amendment to this Consent Order, which will focus on Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) reduction measures and the evaluation of emergency disposal systems at the George T. Lohmeyer (GTL) Wastewater Treatment Facility.

### **Water Consent Orders**

Consent Order (OGC No. 19-1637): Closed

- In 2020, the City entered this Consent Order for the comprehensive mapping of the City's water distribution system. All deliverables, including digital mapping of the water distribution system have been successfully completed and accepted by FDEP. The Consent Order was officially closed on October 18, 2024, ahead of the required completion date on December 31, 2024.

Consent Order (OGC No. 24-2464): Pending

- The City is actively negotiating with FDEP on a new draft Consent Order focused on enhancing the reliability of the water distribution system. This Consent Order aims to address challenges related to the age and condition of the network, requiring comprehensive condition assessments and the implementation of asset management practices.

For further information, please contact Albert Carbon, Utility Services Director, at [ACarbon@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ACarbon@fortlauderdale.gov).

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