



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-244

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *AW*
DATE: November 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Installation of New Lifeguard Towers

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that two (2) new lifeguard towers were recently installed on the beach to replace Tower 9 and Tower 19. Tower 9 and Tower 19 were selected for replacement due to their condition. The new towers were budgeted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 but could not be installed until after Turtle Nesting Season.

The new lifeguard towers were built by Bausch Enterprise Inc., and are eight (8) feet tall, which is two (2) feet taller than the old towers. The additional height provides lifeguards with a higher vantage point, allowing them to see more clearly over umbrellas and crowds, as well as farther down the beach. The new towers are constructed with aluminum and composite, making them more durable than the preexisting fiberglass towers.

Currently, Fort Lauderdale Beach has twenty (20) lifeguard towers that span over three (3) miles of beach. Thus far, eleven (11) lifeguard towers have been replaced with the Bausch Enterprise Inc. aluminum towers. There are now nine (9) fiberglass towers remaining to be replaced. The City's contract with Bausch Enterprises Inc. is valid through June 2028, and the remaining towers will be replaced incrementally based on a condition assessment and through the annual budget development process.

The Public Art and Placemaking Advisory Board will issue a Call to Artists in January 2026 to select an artist to beautify the new towers.



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