



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-007**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** January 9, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of the City's participation in the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative.

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative honors the life and heroic actions of Aden Perry, a high school student who tragically lost his life in 2022 while attempting to rescue another teenager from a submerged vehicle. Founded by his mother, Sarah Perry, the initiative promotes water safety awareness while honoring Aden's legacy through student scholarships, academic recognition, and the installation of life-saving equipment throughout Broward County.

During the November 4, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting, Sarah Perry addressed the City Commission and shared Aden's story, as well as the goals of the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative (CAM #25-1093). A life ring (or lifebuoy) is a life-saving buoy designed to be thrown to a person in water to provide buoyancy and prevent drowning. The City of Fort Lauderdale has since installed fifteen (15) additional life ring safety devices at multiple parks and waterfront locations, including George English Park, Colee Hammock Park, Cooley's Landing, Coontie Hatchee Park, Smoker Park, Sailboat Bend, Esplanade Park, Cox's Landing, Merle Fogg Park, Abiaka Park, Lauderdale Isles Boat Ramp, Lewis Landing, and at several locations along the New River.

These life rings enhance public safety by providing readily accessible emergency rescue equipment near the water and complementing existing safety infrastructure previously installed by the City. With these additions, there are now a total of twenty-five (25) life rings installed throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale to help protect residents and visitors along our waterways.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at [cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov).

Attachment:

1. Installed Aden Perry Life Ring

c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney  
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Department Directors

