



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-150

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 15, 2025
SUBJECT: Refreshed Website Launch

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the launch of the City of Fort Lauderdale's refreshed website, which will go live on Monday, June 1, 2026, at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Over the past several months, City staff have worked to refresh the website to create a more modern, accessible and user-friendly experience. The updated site is intended to make it easier for users to connect with the departments and resources they need.

The refreshed website includes a new homepage design, improved search functionality and clearer department pages. It also features a more mobile-responsive design, improving access to news and calendar information. All updates were made with accessibility in mind to support a more inclusive digital experience, while positioning the City for compliance with new website accessibility regulations that will take effect in 2027.

In addition to the public-facing design improvements, the refreshed website also marks the City's transition to OpenCities, a new content management system designed for local government websites. This platform will help staff manage content more efficiently to improve consistency across department pages.

As the City's primary digital front door, the website plays an important role in how the public accesses information to stay connected with our City government. This refresh is designed to make that experience more intuitive and efficient.

Following the June 1 launch, there will be a period of continued refinement, as is typical with any website transition. While the team has worked to prepare for a smooth launch, some links or pages may need additional adjustment after the site goes live. Staff will be prepared to address issues and make updates as needed.

This LTC is being provided for awareness ahead of the public launch. Additional communication will be shared through the City's digital channels to help inform the

community about the refreshed website and encourage users to visit www.fortlauderdale.gov beginning June 1.

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