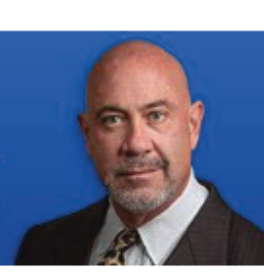




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FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1



Hello District 1 Neighbors:

I hope this message finds you in good health and looking forward to the cooler fall temperatures. I'd like to welcome our returning snowbirds back! In this newsletter, I want to address a matter of utmost importance that is affecting our community profoundly.

In response to the tragic incident at Champlain Towers South in Surfside, Senate Bill 4-D was passed to ensure the safety of properties in Florida. This legislation mandates that condo associations conduct structural integrity reserve studies every ten years. Undoubtedly, this requirement comes at a significant cost to condo owners. The bill requires associations to augment their reserves substantially, eliminating their ability to waive or reduce owner contributions. This situation is already directly impacting our community, particularly our senior residents, many of whom are retirees living on fixed incomes.

District 1 is home to many high-rise condos and co-ops, all affected by SB 4-D. For our elderly neighbors who have been a vital part of our community for years, this has resulted in substantial assessments, some as high as \$60 K. I understand the immense burden this place on our seniors, who may now find themselves contemplating relocation from the places they've called home for decades.

In light of this, I took it upon myself to introduce a resolution aimed at addressing the severe impact of this bill on our seniors. The City Commission and I will work on resolution language that urges the Florida Legislature to establish a grant or low-interest loan program specifically for full-time residents facing these substantial repair bills. It is my firm belief that the state, which created the legislation driving this issue, should step in to assist our community members. The state possesses the resources and abilities that localities like ours do not. In addition, I was able to include this as an item on our legislative agenda for our lobbyists to work on in the upcoming session.

I want to assure you all that I am steadfast in my commitment to advocating for the seniors of District 1. Their well-being is our priority, and I will continue to work tirelessly on their behalf. If you or someone you know is a senior impacted by SB 4-D, I encourage you to reach out to state House Representative Chip LaMarca. Together, we can make our voices heard and work towards a solution that supports our community in this challenging time.

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Save the Date: **Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11 a.m.**

You're invited to join the City of Fort Lauderdale and the William C. Morris American Legion Post 36 for a Veterans Day Ceremony to pay homage to the bravery and sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.



Congratulations to our new Fort Lauderdale Police Chief, William "Bill" Schultz. I look forward to working with Chief Schultz as we continue to grow and enhance our great police department!

## 2023 Make A Difference Day was a success!



## Resident Parking Rate Program

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Department invites all City of Fort Lauderdale residents to apply online for our Resident Parking Rate Program. This program is designed to provide a special rate for neighbors while parking in City parking lots, garages, and on-street spaces using [PayByPhone](#). The rate does not apply when paying at a parking meter. No in-person or mail-in applications will be accepted.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**After you apply online:**

- Please allow time for processing. The Parking Services team will review your application and notify PayByPhone to activate your special resident rate.
- You will be contacted if any additional information is needed to confirm your residency.
- If you have any questions or would like to check on the status of your application, please contact Parking Services Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 954-828-3700 or [ParkingResidentRate@fortlauderdale.gov](#).
- Once your application is approved, you'll automatically receive the resident rate when you use PayByPhone to pay for parking for an approved vehicle.
- To receive the special resident rate, all residents must reapply and submit proof of residency every year from the date of their initial application.
- The applicant's name shall appear on the required documentation.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**RESIDENT PARKING RATE PROGRAM**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is the Resident Parking Rate Program?**  
City parking lots, garages, and on-street spaces have standard parking rates based on their location within one of three zones throughout Fort Lauderdale. Visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking](#) to view a map of the zones and applicable rates. Residents are encouraged to apply for the Resident Parking Rate when using PayByPhone. The rate does not apply when paying at parking meters.

**How do I apply?**  
Apply online visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking](#). In-person or mail-in applications will not be accepted. You may apply using a mobile device. Simply upload a photo of the required documents using a smart-phone or tablet to complete the application.

**How does the City of Fort Lauderdale verify that I am a resident?**  
The application requires that you upload a copy of your valid driver's license, proof of residential property ownership in the City of Fort Lauderdale, a lease or rental agreement that reflects a property address in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and a maximum of four official state vehicle registrations. Addresses will be verified by staff to ensure they are within the boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The applicant's name shall appear on the required documentation.

**If I do not have access to a smartphone or the PayByPhone app, can I still receive the resident rate?**  
Yes. In addition to using the app, PayByPhone is available by calling 1 888 680 7275. Once your application is approved, the resident rate will automatically be enabled when you use PayByPhone to pay to park an approved vehicle. To learn more about using PayByPhone, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/paybyphone](#).

**If I share a vehicle with another person, do we both qualify for the resident rate?**  
Yes. The resident rate is linked to the license plate of approved vehicle(s) and not to individual PayByPhone accounts. Anyone who is paying to park an approved vehicle qualifies for the resident rate.

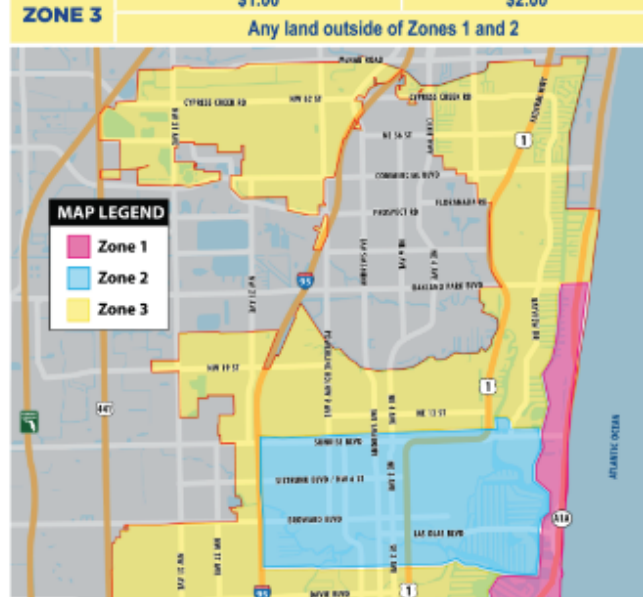
**How often do I have to reapply to maintain the resident rate?**  
All residents must reapply annually to ensure that they qualify for the resident rate. Residents will receive a reminder email as their expiration date nears.

**If you have any additional questions, please contact Parking Services Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 954-828-3700 or [parkingresidentrate@fortlauderdale.gov](#).**

If you would like this publication in an alternate format, please call 1 888 680 7275 or email [david@cityoffortlauderdale.com](#)

### PARKING ZONES AND HOURLY RATES

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>ZONE 1</b>	\$1.50	\$4.00
	East of the Intracoastal Waterway and south of Oakland Park Boulevard	
<b>ZONE 2</b>	\$1.50	\$3.00
	East of I-95, west of the Intracoastal Waterway, south of NE 11 Street, and north of SW 7 Street	
<b>ZONE 3</b>	\$1.00	\$2.00
	Any land outside of Zones 1 and 2	



Please contact District 1 Assistant **Melissa Whiddon**, [mwhiddon@fortlauderdale.gov](#) or 954-828-5033, for any questions or to schedule an appointment.

