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From the desk of

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2

October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Code enforcement is a vital part of what keeps our city running smoothly. The purpose of our Community Enhancement and Compliance Division is to assure compliance, through education, with zoning ordinances and other code sections that are related to private property usage and promote health, safety, property preservation, and community enhancement. They work seven-days-a-week to help property owners meet their obligations and prevent property values from falling. The standards set by our Code of Ordinances protect us all from substandard conditions.

Keeping our City safe and in great condition is essential because when properties become deteriorated beyond a usable point, this translates into additional costs for taxpayers, crime occurs more frequently, and our neighborhoods become dirty and unattractive. The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division's mission is to work side-by-side with our neighbors to combat blight throughout the City and to influence and enhance the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale.

There have been some recent updates to the interpretation of our code regarding storage of commercial vehicles and watercraft along with overnight parking as well as **a new state statute that no longer allows anonymous reporting of code violations.** Many neighbors have asked for clarification on these topics, so we are pleased to explain the following.

Overnight Parking of Specified Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers

While the Code has not changed, our Zoning Administrator did change the opinion on the code interpretation for the the items listed below. Please click on the image (Memorandum) underneath the summary of changes to view the full memo from the Zoning Administrator.

<u>Section 47-34.4 – Prohibited Parking or Storage of Commercial Vehicles or Commercial</u> <u>Watercraft</u>

The memo below is meant to clarify the section above and how it relates to the storage and screening of Recreational Vehicles, Boats, Boats on Trailers, and Boat Trailers.

Section 47-34.4.B – Overnight Parking of Specified Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers in Residential Districts – has specific criteria for the parking of these vehicles on residential property. The section prohibits parking of vehicles between the hours of 9:00pm and 6:00am and requires screening for the vehicles is listed below.

Commercial Vehicles

- Mobile Homes
- Bus
- Inoperable Vehicles
- Recreational Vehicles (RV) When located in RS 4.4 Only
- Boats, Boats on Trailers, Boat Trailers When located in RS 4.4 Only

This is meant to clarify that if an RV, Boat, Boat on Trailer, or Boat Trailer is located in RS-4.4 (Residential Single Family/Low Density District), they do have to be screened from view subject to Section 47-34.4.B.2. However, when parked in any other residential zoning districts, there is no screening required and an RV, Boat, Boat on Trailer, or Boat Trailer only needs to be parked on a hard, dust free surface, within the property lines, subject to all ULDR requirements.

Memorandum	
Date:	August 24, 2021
To:	Urban Design & Planning Staff and Community Enhancement & Compliance Staff
From:	Mohammed Malik, Zoning Administrator
Subject:	Interpretation of Section 47-34.4.B Overnight Parking of Specified
	Vehicles, Boats and Trailers in Residential Districts
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Anonymous Code Complaints

As of July 1, 2021, Florida law prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints. It also requires persons reporting potential violations to provide contact information before an investigation occurs. If the code enforcement officer has reason to believe the alleged violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources, then the prohibition does not apply.

Below is the Senate Bill summary as well as a link to the full bill language:

CS/SB 60: County and Municipal Code Enforcement

County and Municipal Code Enforcement; Prohibiting code inspectors designated by boards of county commissioners from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; prohibiting code inspectors from initiating enforcement proceedings for potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; prohibiting code enforcement officers from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; prohibiting code enforcement officers from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; prohibiting code inspectors designated by governing bodies of municipalities from initiating investigations of potential violations of codes and ordinances by way of anonymous complaints; requiring persons who report potential violations of codes and ordinances to provide specified information to the governing body before an investigation occurs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021 Bill Text: Web Page | PDF

Short-Term Rentals

Short-term/vacation rentals are often an issue in many of our neighborhoods. The state preempts municipalities from taking total control over this matter, but we do everything we can within the confines of that preemption. It is vital that everyone understands our policies and reports problems as soon as possible.

Background: The Vacation Rental Registration Program regulates vacation rentals as defined in Section 509.242 of the Florida Statutes (2015). A Vacation Rental shall mean any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-family, three-family, or four-family house or dwelling unit that is rented to Transient Occupants more than three (3) times in a calendar year for periods of less than thirty (30) days or one (1) calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to Transient Occupants, and also a transient public lodging establishment as defined in Section 509.013. Florida Statutes (2016), but that is not a timeshare project.

Through the administration and enforcement of the Vacation Rental Registration Program, the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division ensures that vacation rental operators are current with their State/local licenses and tax requirements. The division inspects the property to ensure that each vacation rental property meets minimum housing and life safety standards. Lists of registered and enforced vacation rentals can be viewed at www.fortlauderdale.gov/vacationrental.

How to Make a Complaint (Anonymous Complaints cannot be investigated. Name and address of the complainant are required by State law).

Community Enhancement Division

Sunday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (954)828-5207 (general line) or <u>vrinfo@fortlauderdale.gov</u> Emails to the above inbox are monitored during weekends.

Customer Service Hotline

Sunday – Saturday 24 hours (954)828-8000

Police Department

Non-emergency police (954) 764-4357 After hours calls that are made to the Police Department must have a written police report to assist Code in addressing the complaint.

AirBnB Neighbor Support

https://www.airbnb.com/neighbors

If you wish to contact our Community Enhancement and Compliance Division, you may call them at (954) 828-5207 from 8am – 4pm or email <u>cenhancement@fortlauderdale.gov</u>. They also have a 24-Hour Customer Service line at 954-828-8000, or you can <u>click here to use our LauderServ app</u>.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Sites (Click the flyers to enlarge)







1450 W. Sunrise Blvd. | parks.fortlauderdale.gov







The **DeLuxe** Magic of Charles McKirahan Bus Tour

- For Your ModCalendar: The Magic of Charles McKirahan Bus Tour will be conducted bi-monthly through May starting Saturday, October 16.
- The Deluxe McKirahan tour (including box lunch and lunch break) will take place 10/16 in cooperation with Docomomo US/Florida as part of Docomomo Tour Day 2021 and during ModWeekendFTL 2022.

For tour details and ticket purchase <u>click here.</u> Members get \$10 off.

Bayview Drive Force Main Project Update

The City of Fort Lauderdale is working with David Mancini and Sons to install 5,000 linear feet of new 24-inch sewer force main along Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge. The new force main will connect to Pump Station B-4 that is located in George English Park. It will be constructed using high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe and will be installed using horizontal directional drilling, a process that minimizes impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. Once completed, the new force main will create redundancy, enhance reliability, and improve services for our neighbors.

Construction began August 30th and will be completed in January 2022. Work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday between approximately 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. This schedule is subject to change based on inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

The contractor has started construction on the northern-most section of the project for approximately three months with two separate work zones:

- The directional drilling equipment and pipe entry point is located between NE 17 Street and NE 18 Street on Bayview Drive.
- The pipe is being assembled above-ground in the northbound lane of Bayview Drive between NE 20 Street and NE 24 Street, north of the pipe exit point located between NE 20 Street and NE 20 Court.

While this phase of the project is underway, traffic will be detoured as follows:

- Northbound Bayview Drive will be detoured east on NE 18 Street, north on Intracoastal Drive, and west on NE 24 Street back to northbound Bayview Drive.
- Southbound Bayview Drive will be detoured west on NE 18 Street, south on Middle River Drive, and east on NE 16 Street back to southbound Bayview Drive.

Residents who live east of Bayview Drive between NE 20 Court and NE 24 Street will be able to access their homes from Intracoastal Drive. The contractor will provide access through the work zone to residents of 2308, 2216, and 2212 Bayview Drive.

Please follow posted signs and drive with caution in the area. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank our neighbors for their continued patience as we work to upgrade our sewer system as quickly as possible.

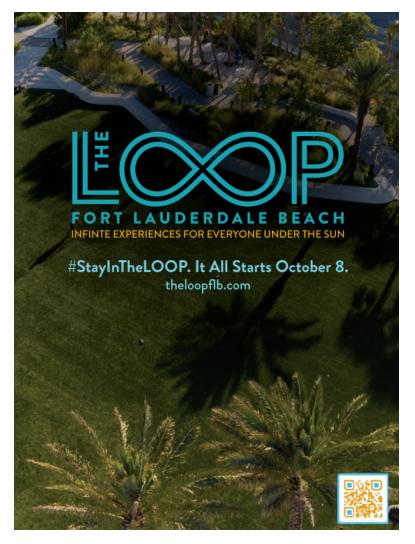
For more information or questions, contact:

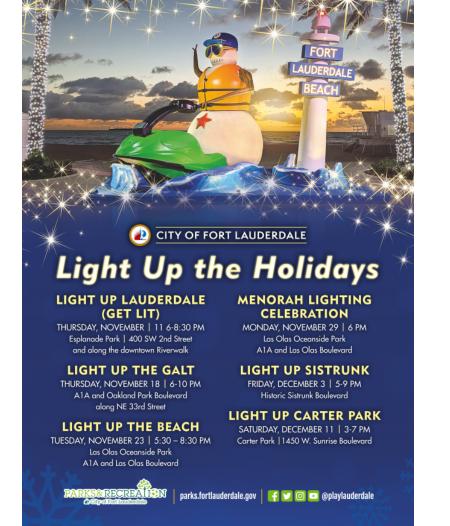
Krishan Kandial, PE., City of Fort Lauderdale 954-828-4019 or kkandial@fortlauderdale.gov

David Mancini, David Mancini and Sons 754-264-9594 or dmancinijr@dmsi.co (NOT.com)

City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Neighbor Service Center 954-828-8000 or lauderserv@fortlauderdale.gov











Wine & Spirits • Hors d'oeuvres • Entertainment

Saturday, October 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina Superyacht Pavilion 2301 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale

HONORING

The Denison Family **History Makers Pioneer** Family Award Accepted by Bob Denison **Marine Industries** Association of South Florida Legacy Business Award

Accepted by Phil Purcell, CEO



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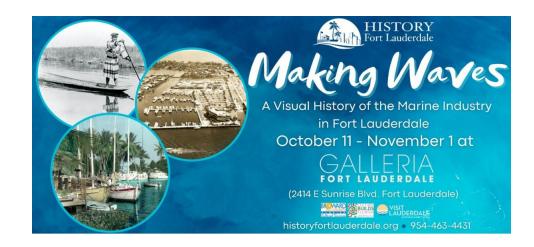


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Florida Department of Transportation, District Four BROWARD COMMUTER RAIL NEWSLETTER # 1

Summer 2021 Broward Commuter Rail Project Development and Environment Study Financial Management #:448942-1 Efficient Transportation Decision Making #14474



Thank you for your interest in the **Broward Commuter Rail Project Development & Environment (PD&E)Study.** This newsletter will provide you with information about the study and the PD&E process. Please visit the study's website <u>www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com</u> throughout the study to receive updates and provide input.

ABOUT THE STUDY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four and Broward County are performing a PD&E Study for the Broward Commuter Raii (BCR) along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway from Aventura in Miami-Dade County to Deerfield Beach in Broward County.

FDOT and Broward County have executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue efforts to improve mobility in the region. The scope of the BCR Project PD&E is to develop and analyze alternatives for commuter rail service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway corridor from Aventura to Deefield Beach. The corridor is owned by Grupo Mexico, who operates the rail freight service in the corridor. Brightline operates inter-city rail in this corridor, and has a passenger service easement within the FEC corridor right of way. The study is being conducted in coordination with many parties that have an interest in the FEC corridor. Miami-Dade County is also studying the implementation of commuter rail service in the FEC corridor for the segment from Downtown Miami to a proposed station in Aventura, known as the Northeast Corridor.

The BCR is a 27-mile segment of this commuter rail service that will include the necessary rail, signaling, safety and communications improvements, and passenger stations and amenities connecting to existing and planned local and regional transit service. Six potential stations will be studied and evaluated within the study limits.

The BCR PD&E Study will include a new rail crossing at the New River for passenger service through Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The existing railroad bridge will remain in place for exclusive use by freight rail.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities. You may be eligible for rent assistance if you live in the City of Fort Lauderdale and have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

> Apply Today! www.consolidatedcreditsolutions.org/ftl-rent

EMERGENCY RENTAL

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We have the following Board Vacancies below. Please email Nancy Fry <u>nfry@fortlauderdale.gov</u> if you are interested in serving on a Fort Lauderdale City Board.

Aviation Advisory Board Board of Adjustment Community Appearance Board Community Services Board *(must be employed by the public housing authority)* Infrastructure Task Force Insurance Advisory Board Nuisance Abatement Board Sustainability Advisory Board

Boards and Committees Information



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The Grand Ballroom at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa was at capacity this past weekend with more than 320 in attendance for the International Swimming Hall of Fame's 56th Annual Honoree Induction Ceremony. What a pleasure to welcome so many from out of town to this spectacular event. It was a privilege to be in the company of and to meet so many Olympic champions from past decades. I cannot tell you how excited the Aquatic world is about what is taking shape on Fort Lauderdale's Aquatic Center and Hall of Fame peninsula. Many toured the site earlier on Saturday.

There was terrific spirit at the kick-off of South Florida Afro Pride's "Rise Weekend: The Arts Affair"! Too often a lack of diversity prevails in both the LGBTQ+ and arts community and that is why this organization is playing such a vital role. Congrats to the whole team and thank you for the opportunity to join you!



News Articles

South Florida condo market unfazed by Surfside collapse: Sales have been stronger than ever, early data shows

Answers to your vaccine questions: Can I get a booster at 55?

Elon Musk's traffic tunnels to the beach now on the horizon for Fort Lauderdale

Police horses are here to stay — despite the rumors, Fort Lauderdale says

The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Commission Aide, Nancy Fry, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions NFry@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923.

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