

STAFF AGENDA REVIEW WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: May 26, 2026
SUBMITTED BY: Monica Barros Assistant City Clerk
ITEM TYPE: Resolution
TEMP. RESOLUTION NUMBER: TR 14395

AGENDA SECTION: **Consent Agenda:**

TITLE: TR14395 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Broward County, the City of Tamarac, and twenty-five (25) other municipalities in Broward County to share the resource burden of the System-Wide Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit; attached hereto as Exhibit "1"; authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute said Interlocal Agreement between Broward County, the City of Tamarac and twenty-five (25) other municipalities in Broward; authorizing the Broward County Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD) to conduct specific activities under the NPDES MS4 Permit; authorizing annual expenditures for the term of this Permit of \$20,356 for FY 2027; \$20,865 for FY 2028; \$21,387 for FY 2029; \$21,921 for FY 2030; \$22,469 for FY 2031; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION: The Interim Director of Public Services recommends that the City Commission of the City of Tamarac approve and execute the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Broward County and twenty-five (25) other municipalities to share the resource burden of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements, administered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); authorize Broward County to conduct specific activities required under the NPDES MS4 Permit on behalf of the participating municipalities; and that this item be placed on the May 27, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and Water Quality Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program to reduce pollutants generated by stormwater runoff. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) administers the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Program within the State of Florida, requiring counties and municipalities to implement and maintain stormwater management programs designed to reduce pollutants discharged into surface waters.

The City of Tamarac is a co-permittee under the Broward County system-wide NPDES MS4 Permit, with Broward County serving as the lead permittee. Broward County, through its Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD), coordinates and conducts specific technical activities required under the permit on behalf of the participating municipalities.

These activities include implementation of stormwater management programs; inspection and maintenance of structural controls and stormwater collection systems; development and maintenance of system inventories and outfall mapping; coordination of water quality monitoring and annual reporting; implementation of roadway programs such as street sweeping and litter control; review of development and redevelopment projects to ensure stormwater quality compliance; inspection of municipal facilities; and administration of public education and outreach programs related to stormwater pollution prevention.

In addition, Broward County provides overall program management, technical expertise, regulatory coordination, and standardized reporting necessary to support compliance with the NPDES MS4 Permit requirements. The participating municipalities jointly share the resource burden associated with implementing these permit requirements, including monitoring, reporting, public education and outreach, illicit discharge detection and elimination, municipal facility inspections, training, and other compliance-related activities.

The Parties previously executed Interlocal Agreements in 1996, 1998, 2004, 2013, and 2017 to facilitate compliance with the NPDES MS4 Permit requirements. The current agreement executed in 2017 will terminate upon issuance of the next iteration of the NPDES MS4 Permit. The proposed Interlocal Agreement will establish the framework for the

next five-year permit cycle and continue the cooperative approach among Broward County and participating municipalities.

Participation in the Interlocal Agreement provides a cost-effective and efficient method for the City to comply with NPDES MS4 Permit requirements. Without participation in the agreement, the City would be responsible for independently conducting all required monitoring, reporting, technical studies, public education efforts, inspections, and related compliance activities at a substantially greater cost.

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date it is recorded pursuant to Section 11.25 ("Effective Date") and shall continue in force and effect for five (5) years unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

ISSUE:

The execution of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Broward County, the City of Tamarac, and twenty-five (25) other municipalities in Broward County to share the resource burden associated with compliance activities required under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit program.

STRATEGIC GOALS:

Goal #3: Tamarac is Economically Resilient

ATTACHMENTS: