



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 25-232**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** November 19, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Announcement of the 2026 Tortuga Music Festival Event Dates**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of the 2026 Tortuga Music Festival event dates.

On October 5, 2021, the City Commission approved a five (5)-year agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and TMF Holdco, LLC, for an annual three (3)-day music event (Tortuga Music Festival) on Fort Lauderdale Beach (CAM #21-0745). TMF Holdco, LLC announced that the 2026 Tortuga Music Festival will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, through Sunday, April 12, 2026.

The event period and details for the 2026 Tortuga Music Festival are as follows:

- Set-up: March 23, 2026 – April 10, 2026 (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)
- Event Dates: April 10, 2026 – April 12, 2026 (11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.)
- Breakdown: April 13, 2026 – April 18, 2026 (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

The agreement requires that the “event period” be mutually agreed upon, in writing, by the City Manager and Applicant; with concert performances ending by 10:00 p.m. on each day of the event. In addition, the event organizer will:

- Pay all event costs and submit the required certificates of insurance;
- Post an amount in escrow equal to 110% of the City’s estimated service costs;
- Secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies; and

- Coordinate with nearby civic and merchant associations regarding the event details.

Parks and Recreation staff will work with Strategic Communications on communicating area impacts to the public in advance of the event.

For additional information, please contact Carl Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, at [Cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov).

Attachment:

1. Tortuga Music Festival Event Dates

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Directors



Carl Williams  
Parks and Recreation Director  
City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

March 26, 2025,

**Re: Tortuga Music Festival 2026**

Hello Carl,

I am writing to inform you of TMF Holdco, LLC's intention to bring the Tortuga Music Festival (TMF) back to Fort Lauderdale Beach in 2026. As you know, Country Nation took over festival operations in 2018, and we look forward to continued involvement in the years to come.

Dates requested for the 2026 TMF are slated as follows:

Set Up:

Commencing Monday, March 23rd; 7am to 10pm daily

Monday March 23rd – Take over SOUTH side of FL Beach parking lot\*\*

Saturday & Sunday, March 28 and 29 – Pause all major TMF operations, hold no parking spots.

Monday March 30th - Resume load in operations, hold SOUTH side of FL beach parking lot.

Friday April 3rd – Take over NORTH side of FL Beach parking lot\*\*

Event Dates:

Friday, April 10th, through Sunday, April 12th

11am through 10:30pm each day. Concert music will end by 10:00pm each day.

Breakdown will end by 12:00am each day.

Breakdown Dates:

Monday, April 13th, through Friday, April 17th; 7am to 10pm daily

Friday, April 17th, – Return North Parking Lot

Saturday, April 18th, – Return South Parking Lot

My team and I look forward to bringing this festival back to Fort Lauderdale and working closely with your team to make 2026 the best TMF yet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Reid".

Jim Reid

VP of Operations, Country Nation

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