



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FINANCE DIVISION**

**LATONIA MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**INTRO. NO: 480**

**COMMITTEE: Finance**

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**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in the Fordham Road business improvement district, extension of the Fordham Road business improvement district, and amending the district plan of the Fordham Road business improvement district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based.

**Sponsor:** By Council Members Ferreras and Torres (by request of the Mayor)

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** This legislation would amend Chapter 5 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York by 1) amending section 25-464.1 to increase the amount to be expended annually in a business improvement district (“BID”) in the borough of the Bronx known as the Fordham Road Business Improvement District (the “District”); 2) adding a new section 25-464.2 to extend the boundaries of the District; and 3) adding a new section 25-464.3 to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based.

1. Increasing the Amount to be Expended Annually

Currently, the maximum amount that can be expended by the District annually is \$625,000. This legislation would increase that amount to \$670,000.

2. Extending the Boundaries of the District

The expansion of the District would redraw the BID’s boundary lines to include two additional tax lots. The properties on the two additional tax lots consist of 1 Fordham Plaza, a 14-story office building with numerous retail tenants on the ground floor, and Fordham Plaza, a public plaza that also serves as a major transportation hub.

3. Change in Assessment

The change in assessment would place a cap on all assessments so that the maximum annual assessment to be paid by any individual property would not exceed \$45,000. Government and not-for-profit owned property devoted to public or not-for-profit use, including the newly included Fordham Plaza, would remain exempt from assessment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This local law would take effect immediately and be retroactive to July 1, 2014, provided that section two of the legislation, which would extend the boundaries of the District, would take effect upon compliance with section 25-408 of chapter 4 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York, which requires that the New York State Comptroller conduct a review to determine that the relevant tax and debt limitations will not be exceeded by the establishment of the District, and be retroactive to July 1, 2014.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	<b>Effective FY15</b>	<b>FY Succeeding Effective FY16</b>	<b>Full Fiscal Impact FY15</b>
<b>Revenues (+)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures (-)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**IMPACT ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES:** This local law would result in no fiscal impact upon the City's revenues or expenditures. Under the administrative code of the city of New York, proceeds authorized to be assessed by the District are collected by the City on behalf of the District. None of these proceeds are those of the City and they may not be used for any purpose other than those set forth in the BID's District Plan. The Fordham Road BID will continue to be funded through a self-assessment by property owners within the district. The anticipated revenues from this self-assessment in Fiscal 2015 will be \$670,000. This amount will cover the BID's expenses, as proposed by its amended budget. This assessment is not funded by the City, and therefore will have no impact on the City's expenditures.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division  
Department of Small Business Services

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** This legislation was introduced by the Council as Intro. No. 480 on September 23, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Finance. A hearing was held by the Committee on October 7, 2014 and the legislation was laid over to allow for the statutory 30-day objection period. Intro. No. 480 will be considered again by the Committee on Finance on November 13, 2014 and, upon a successful vote by the Committee, Intro. No. 480 will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on November 13, 2014.

**DATE PREPARED:** November 10, 2014