



Margate Fire Department

PROUDLY SERVING THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF
THE CITY OF MARGATE
ISO Class 1 Fire Department



Memorandum

To: Cale Curtis, City Manager
From: Roberto Lorenzo, Fire Chief *Roberto Lorenzo*
Date: April 22, 2025

Subj: Use of Impact Fees for Upgrading Fire Department Site Improvements

Margate Fire Department is an ISO Class 1 Department that offers full-time career Fire and Emergency Medical Services to over 58,000 residents within nine square miles. Our firefighter paramedics respond to approximately 9,500 – 9,700 calls for service per year from three fire stations. We have an opportunity to utilize the City's Fire Impact Fees to improve our much-needed site improvements on capital projects.

Site Improvement on Capital Projects

Reference City Code 9.26

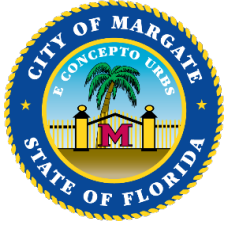
Florida State Statute 163.31801

Ten years ago, the firm of Lunz Prebor Fowler Architects performed an architectural and structural review of each of the three fire stations. In their 95-page analysis, they identified key improvements to our fire stations. Listed below are the major summaries:

As part of our ongoing commitment to safety and security, Fire Administration, Fire Station 58, and Fire Station 98 will receive upgraded security features. These include the installation of camera systems for 24/7 real-time monitoring and security card readers to ensure controlled access to sensitive areas. Together, these enhancements provide an added layer of protection for personnel, equipment, and facilities, reinforcing a secure and resilient working environment.

Station 18 - Built in 1987, this building is 4800 square feet in size and has two bays to house fire apparatus. They identified the lack of a commercial kitchen with a protective system. Upgrading this equipment will conform to industry standards.

Additionally, structural hardening efforts feature the addition of one impact-resistant door, a key measure to enhance the station's protection against high winds and debris, ensuring operational continuity and safeguarding assets.



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The proposed use of the City's Fire Impact Fees is intended to provide necessary expansion and improvements to existing capital facilities. The proposed improvements are neither maintenance nor related to operational activities. The proposed improvements are to facilities that have not had any capital improvements in many years, and will have an average useful life of more than three (3) years. As such, these proposed improvements are consistent with the requirements of Section 9-26 of the City of Margate Code of Ordinances.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.