



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

A Message from Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

August 2, 2019

Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to take a moment to offer my sincere apologies for the tremendous inconvenience you have been placed under since the precautionary boil water notice went into effect last week.

Since first being elected, infrastructure has been a top priority. As Mayor, I ended the past practice of raiding utility reserves to balance the budget, which is partially responsible for what has put us in this tenuous situation. Hundreds of millions of dollars are now being invested in infrastructure upgrades and more improvements will be forthcoming.

I have asked staff to conduct a comprehensive review of our utilities to see what adjustments can be made to improve our procedures and operations moving forward so that we can avoid putting our neighbors in situations like this one in the future. I have also asked them to hold contractors responsible if it can be shown their negligence led to damages to our utility system.

Please know that we are doing everything possible to address this issue and staff will continue to provide updates as soon as new information becomes available.

Again, my apologies for this burdensome inconvenience and my thanks for your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Trantalis".

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor