



City of Tampa Agenda Item Request

Department: Economic Opportunity

Council Regular

Submittal Date: 2/19/2026
Requested Meeting Date: 3/05/2026
Type of Request: Council Resolution
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Subject: A Resolution approving an agreement among the City of Tampa, Florida, as Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 79, and its subzones, Foreign Trade Zone 79 Board Inc., as Manager of Foreign Trade Zone 79, and its subzones, and Lithium Battery Company Intl.

Resolution / Ordinance Title: A Resolution approving an agreement among the City of Tampa, Florida, as Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 79, and its subzones; Foreign Trade Zone 79 Board, Inc., as Manager of Foreign Trade Zone 79, and its subzones, and Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC.; Authorizing execution thereof by the Mayor of the City of Tampa and attestation by the City Clerk; Providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND:

The Foreign Trade Zone No. 79 is located in the Tampa Bay region and assists companies in Tampa Bay and along the I-4 Corridor in streamlining the process and minimize the costs associated with qualified importing, exporting, manufacturing and distribution activities. The Resolution and Agreement attached between the City of Tampa (Grantee), Foreign-Trade Zone No. 79 Board Inc. (Board), and Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC (Operator) seeks to establish a new subzone of 79H. Staff respectfully requests approval of this new 79H Subzone with Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC serving as the operator. The Foreign Trade Zone #79 Board will collect an application fee of \$1,000.00, pursuant to this agreement, authorizing Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC, as an operator of Subzone 79H. The activation fee, pursuant to the agreement, to be collected by the Board is \$1,000.00. The City of Tampa, on behalf of the Foreign Trade Zone No. 79 Board, will collect annually a fee totaling \$2,500.00 from the operator, Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC. City of Tampa, at the end of the fiscal year, will remit to the Board such amounts collected from the operator. Should Lithium Battery deactivate the subzone, the Board will collect a "Deactivation Fee" of \$1,250.00. In the event this Agreement first comes into effect with less than three quarters of the fiscal year (October 1 – September 30) the initial annual fee shall be pro-rated according to the number of quarters remaining in the fiscal year commencing with the quarter in which this Agreement becomes effective by the terms herein.

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This resolution approves an agreement between the City of Tampa, Foreign Trade Zone 79 Board, Inc., and Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC. in which the City of Tampa shall collect an annual fee from Lithium Battery Company Intl., LLC on behalf of the Foreign Trade Zone 79 Board Inc. in the amount of \$2,500. The initial fee shall be pro-rated according to the number of quarters remaining in the fiscal year commencing with the quarter in which this agreement becomes effective. FY2026 annual fee collection is in the amount of \$1,875. Funds will be deposited into the General Fund for use by Development and Economic

Opportunity.

PROJECTED COSTS: 01100.213700.362002 \$1,875 (Revenue Increase)
General Fund. Economic Opportunity Administration. Foreign Trade Zone Fees Rental

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