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***Safety First in the City of Hollywood
City Scores Lowest Experience Modification Rate in State***

Hollywood, FL – A commitment to employee safety is having an impact with the City of Hollywood earning the lowest “experience modification rate” in the State of Florida. The Division of Workers’ Compensation for the State of Florida has confirmed the City has achieved the lowest rate in the state at .49. The City is always seeking to keep its experience modification rate under 1.0, which means the City’s workforce is operating safely. A low rate allows for lower assessment fees to be paid for worker’s compensation to the state.

“Not only is the City’s experience modification rate under a 1.0, but it is the lowest among the 135 cities and counties reporting to the Division at a .49,” says Tammie Hechler, Director of Human Resources City of Hollywood. *“It is an honor to learn Hollywood is the lowest amongst our peers and with it brings a sense of pride and accomplishment.”*

This accomplishment indicates a commitment to safety practices and level of training by our employees. An experience modifier is adjusted based on the losses an employer experiences due to workplace accidents and injuries. The lower the rate, the lower the premium for worker’s compensation insurance.

The City has been steadily reducing its experience modification rate since 2016. Hollywood City Manager, Dr. Wazir Ishmael expressed his pride in the risk management team and City employees for their workplace safety efforts, *“It is their commitment that has allowed us to achieve this record low rating which goes a long ways towards helping us control insurance costs.”*

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