



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Andrew J. Meyers

**Department:** County Attorney

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO ADOPT** Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center to consider enactment of a proposed Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MOTOR CARRIER PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 22½-3 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness)

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Office of the County Attorney at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of October 5, 2021.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Enables the setting of a public hearing during which the Board may consider enacting the proposed Ordinance.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

In 2017, Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") was amended to provide for the one-time issuance of fifty (50) certificates of public convenience and necessity for wheelchair accessible vehicles ("WAV Certificates") to be awarded only to persons who had driven a taxicab in Broward County for a minimum of sixty (60) consecutive months. Fifty (50) associated bonus regular taxicab certificates of public convenience and necessity were also awarded to the recipients of the WAV Certificates. To qualify for a WAV Certificate, taxicab drivers were required to equip their vehicles with wheelchair lifts or ramps to allow for wheelchair accessibility. Equipping a wheelchair accessible taxicab is substantially more costly than equipping a non-accessible taxicab.

The 2017 amendment expressly prohibited these driver-owned wheelchair accessible vehicles from stationing in holding lots or waiting areas designated for taxicabs at both Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport ("Airport") and Port Everglades ("Port"). The proposed Ordinance would remove this prohibition.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the time of the public hearing, in compliance with Section 18.5(e)(7) of the Broward County Administrative Code.