



Broward County

Legislation Text

File #: 22-1391, Version: 1

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 September 20, 2022, 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 ("BOARD"), PERTAINING TO ANTISEMITISM; AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE BOARD'S INTENT THAT THE DEFINITION OF BIAS-MOTIVATED CRIMES AND ANTISEMITISM BE CONSIDERED IN ENFORCING LAWS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Senator Steve Geller, and Cosponsored by Mayor Michael Udine)

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 August 25, 2022.

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

The proposed Ordinance amends Article IV of Chapter 21 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances to define antisemitism consistent with the working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance ("IHRA") and establishes the Board's intent that the definitions of bias-motivated crimes and antisemitism be considered in determining the motivation behind a violation of law. The proposed Ordinance does not diminish or infringe upon protected speech under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or the State of Florida Constitution.

Source of Additional Information

Maite Azcoitia, Deputy County Attorney, 954-357-7600

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.