



# 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 ENACT** 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**

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider enactment of the Ordinance will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of September 8, 2022.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Allows for the Board's consideration of 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**

Per the Office of Management and Budget, the estimated impact on the budget does not exceed the threshold required for a Fiscal Impact Statement.