



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, PERTAINING TO THE ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/BOARDS SECTION; CREATING AN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION FOR THE CONE OF SILENCE; AMENDING SECTIONS 1-159, 1-266, 1-618, 16½-3, AND 26-70.1 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)

Why Action is Necessary

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider enactment of the Ordinance was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of January 24, 2023.

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 several provisions of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") to reflect the reorganization of the County's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards Section and to clarify potential issues with Cone of Silence violations.

The Professional Standards Section of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards is now called the Professional Standards Section of the Human Resources Division. The proposed amendments reflect this change.

The recent reorganization also reassigned certain responsibilities from the Office of

Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards to the Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section. Further, the Human Rights Section of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards is now under the County's Housing Options, Solutions, and Supports Division that reports to the Human Services Department. The proposed amendments reflect these changes.

The proposed Ordinance also amends Section 1-266, the Broward County Cone of Silence, to add employees of the Professional Standards Section who investigate alleged violations of the Cone of Silence to the list of County employees outside the Cone of Silence.

A proposed Resolution also set for public hearing on the February 7, 2023, County Commission agenda would amend the Broward County Administrative Code to implement the reorganization discussed above.

Source of Additional Information

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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.