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**MEMORANDUM**

August 18, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Norman Foster, Director *Norman Foster*  
Office of Management and Budget

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 27-335 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Amending Certain Environmental Resource License Exemptions

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**Summary**

The proposed ordinance makes changes to section 27-335 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, which require persons performing dredging, filling, or alteration within regulated aquatic or wetland resources to obtain an Environmental Resource License. Currently, only dredging projects by the United States Army Corp of Engineers are exempt. The changes proposed would expand these exemptions and would include projects by the United States Army Corp of Engineers so long as all other required federal and state authorizations are complied with. The proposed changes would also broaden the exemptions for projects conducted by the Port Everglades Department to include dredging, filling, or alterations.

**Fiscal Impact**

In the past ten fiscal years, eight Environmental Resources Licenses have been issued for Port Everglades projects, resulting in a total of \$60,800 in revenues to the County from application and mitigation fees. On average, the additional exemptions would result in an annual loss of revenue to the County of approximately \$6,080.

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