

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO TIME LIMITS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; AMENDING SECTION 18.6 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Broward County seeks to provide members of the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard while balancing this opportunity against the need for efficient County Commission meetings, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 18.6 of the Broward County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

18.6. Public Participation.

a. *Opportunity for Public Comment.* Members of the public shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to be heard on agenda items before the County Commission, unless otherwise stated in this section or provided by law.

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3. *Time Limits.* The following time limits shall apply to members of the public addressing the County Commission:

1 (a) If five (5) or fewer individuals are registered to speak on an agenda
2 item, then each registered individual shall have three (3) minutes to
3 speak.

4 (b) If more than five (5) individuals are registered to speak on an agenda
5 item, the Mayor may limit each registered individual to two (2)
6 minutes of speaking time.

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8 (g) If two or more related agenda items are heard together, all such
9 items shall be treated as one item for purposes of determining time
10 limits, but the provisions of subsection 3(b) above shall not apply to
11 any speaker who registered to speak on two or more of the agenda
12 items being heard together.

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14 Section 2. Severability.

15 If any portion of this Administrative Code Resolution is determined by any court to
16 be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity
17 of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole
18 or in part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or
19 circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any
20 other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

21 Section 3. Inclusion in the Broward County Administrative Code.

22 It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this
23 Administrative Code Resolution become part of the Broward County Administrative Code
24 as of the effective date. The sections of this Administrative Code Resolution may be

renumbered or relettered and the word "resolution" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase to the extent necessary in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Administrative Code Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2021. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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