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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 27 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Implementation of the Manatee Protection Plan

Summary

The proposal amends various sections of Chapter 27 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, specifically those dealing with aquatic and wetland resource protection. The proposal updates or creates several definitions for the following terms: boat or marine facility, Environmental Resource License (ERL), Good Faith Application, Manatee Protection Plan (MPP), Manatee Protection Plan Zone(s), significant benthic community, single-family residence, and slip. The proposal would remove the 4% annual fee increases as the program revenues are in balance with program costs.; the fees would be \$666 and \$32 respectively moving forward. These fees would also move from being collected on or before the anniversary date of issuance to being collected on or before October 1 of each year.

Under the proposal construction of a new transitory slip at a boat or marine facility shall be subject to payment of the new slip fee and the availability of slips within the relevant MPP Zone. However, existing, and new transitory slips are exempt from annual manatee mitigation fees. A new exemption would be added as part of the proposed changes which would exempt new slips at single-family residences from the licensing and fee requirements of the Manatee Protection Plan., The proposal revises the criteria for issuance or denial of ERLs to require sufficient information to qualify as a Good Faith Applicant and Obtain a determination from EPGMD of the availability of slips within the MPP Zone where the project is located and clarifies administrative responsibilities of the department regarding ERL process.

Fiscal Impact

Over the last five years there are an average of 180 New Slip fees collected each year, and an average of 15,610 slips for the Manatee Mitigation fee collected each year. Keeping the fees flat at \$666 for the New Slip fees and at \$32 for the Manatee Mitigation fee, would not be an increase of \$4,799 in revenue from New Slip Fees or an increase of \$19,981 in revenue from the Manatee Mitigation Fees in fiscal year 2022. The proposed changes would thus result in a total of \$24,781 less revenue to the County in the first fiscal year this ordinance goes into effect, but the program would have sufficient revenues for all anticipated activities.

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