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**MEMORANDUM**

August 28, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 22 ½ and Section 8 ½ - 16 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Illegal Solicitation

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**Summary**

The proposal amends section 22 ½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, which lays out the regulations for motor carriers, to create a definition of prearranged ground transportation and amend the definition of a motor vehicle or vehicle to include those that provide prearranged ground transportation services. The proposed ordinance would make it unlawful for any person who does not have a valid chauffeur's registration and a valid permit to offer or facilitate registration of for-hire ground transportation services to passengers in the County. Section 8 ½-16 would be amended to establish civil penalties of \$1,000 for the first offense and \$5,000 for each subsequent offense for the following violations: (1) offering or facilitating the solicitation of for-hire ground transportation services without a valid chauffeur's registration or permit; and (2) soliciting for-hire ground transportation services in any manner other than on a pre-arranged basis. The proposed ordinance would also allow certificates, permits, registrations, or jitney licenses to be suspended, revoked, or forfeited if the holder has received three or more citations for the same offense within a 24-month period. In addition, several housekeeping changes are made in Section 22 ½ including changes related to taximeters, insurance, and taxicab rate regulations.

**Fiscal Impact**

Under the proposed ordinance, Section 8 ½ - 16 would be amended to include two additional civil penalties associated with violations of motor carriers law and regulations. The first violation would incur a fine of \$1,000 and \$5,000 for every violation thereafter. The amount of additional revenue collected due to these changes will depend on the number of citations issued and collection rates. The impact to Broward County related to the proposed changes is projected to be minimal due to violators being deterred from infractions as a result of additional penalties.

NF:no