

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE
3 BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AMENDING
4 SECTIONS 1-233, 1-485, 16½-21, 26-85, AND 26-90 OF THE CODE; REPEALING
5 ARTICLE XXXIV OF CHAPTER 1, INCLUDING SECTIONS 1-571 THROUGH 1-576 OF
6 THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND
7 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8 (Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)
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10 WHEREAS, various provisions of the Broward County Code of Ordinances use
11 outdated terminology that may not fully reflect the intent and effect of those provisions;
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13 WHEREAS, this Ordinance makes limited technical amendments to those
14 provisions to update the outdated terminology and to more accurately reflect the intent
15 and effect of those provisions,

16 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
17 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

18 Section 1. Section 1-233 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
19 amended to read as follows:

20 **Sec. 1-233. Terms and process of appointment to Broward County agencies,**
21 **authorities, boards, committees, commissions, councils, and task forces; quorum.**

22 All appointments to advisory boards, committees, commissions, councils, and task
23 forces established by Broward County ordinance or resolution (collectively, “advisory
24 boards”), and all appointments to agencies, development and redevelopment authorities,
25 and regulatory and adjustment boards established pursuant to federal or state law, the
26 Broward County Charter, or interlocal agreements (collectively, “other boards”), except
27 where inconsistent with the Broward County Charter, general or special law, or the
28 enabling enactments of such advisory boards or other boards, shall be subject to the
29 following requirements:

30 (a) (1) An appointment for a ~~fixed-term~~ fixed term shall expire on the last day of the
31 fixed term unless the appointee is removed for cause under federal, state,
32 or local law, as applicable.

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34 (3) Best efforts shall be employed to ensure that the membership of all advisory
35 and other boards will fairly represent the ~~diverse population and~~
36 demographics of the County.

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38 Section 2. Section 1-485 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, relating
39 to the Children’s Services Board, is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 **Sec. 1-485. Members.**

41 The CSB shall consist of twenty (20) members appointed by the Board.

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43 (b) In addition, the Board shall appoint the following additional members to the
44 CSB:

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(5) Nine (9) members, with each member of the Board nominating one member, and the members nominated shall, to the extent ~~possible~~ practicable, represent the demographics ~~diversity~~ of the community the CSB serves, reflect the interest of the community the CSB serves, serve as the link between the CSB and the public or community, ensure that the CSB's policies and performance uphold the public interest of Broward County, and have demonstrated a proven commitment to children's welfare; and

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Section 3. Article XXXIV of Chapter 1, including Sections 1-571 through 1-576, relating to the Diversity Advisory Trust Fund Account, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Section 16½-21 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16½-21. Human rights board created; composition; terms; authorities.

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(b) Each County Commissioner shall make two (2) nominations to the Board. In appointing members to the Board, the County Commission shall consider ~~and should~~ balance its appointments ~~so the Board~~ that reflects the demographics ~~composition~~ of Broward County ~~in terms of race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, status as a disabled individual, and religion~~. In addition, the County Commission

shall also seek geographic and economic balance when appointing members to the Board. The Director, or their designee, shall be the ex officio clerk of the Board.

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Section 5. Section 26-85 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-85. Administration.

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(d) The county administrator shall have final responsibility for implementing and carrying out ~~an equal employment opportunity~~ a professional standards program. These responsibilities shall include:

(1) ~~A~~Appointment and continuing supervision of a top-level ~~policy making~~ policymaking staff member who will serve as director of the ~~office of equal opportunity~~ Professional Standards Section.

(2) ~~The granting of sufficient authority and resources to the director of the office of equal opportunity to carry out and to implement the provisions of an affirmative action plan to be adopted by resolution.~~

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Section 6. Section 26-90 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-90. Equal employment opportunity guaranteed.

(a) All applicants for positions and employees of Broward County shall be ~~assured of~~ afforded fair and ~~equitable~~ level treatment in all aspects of human resource administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, national origin, disability,

sex, age, or religious creed and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights as citizens.

(b) ~~Equal employment opportunity shall be insured through an affirmative action plan.~~

(c) ~~The director of the office of equal opportunity shall be responsible for implementation of the provisions of the affirmative action plan.~~

(d) Any employee who alleges discrimination in any personnel transaction shall have the right to counsel with the equal employment opportunity counselor in the employee's division with the office of equal opportunity, and, if still desired, may request a formal investigation by the office of equal opportunity with the equal employment opportunity director may file a complaint with the Professional Standards Section. Any applicant for employment who alleges discrimination in any personnel transaction shall have the right to counsel with the director of the office of equal opportunity may file a complaint with the Professional Standards Section.

Section 7. Severability.

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

Section 8. Inclusion in the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances as of the effective date. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase to the extent necessary to accomplish such intention.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance is effective as of the date provided by law.

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FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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