

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO AMEND THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT, WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR REGIONAL FACILITIES INTENDED TO SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, COUNTY ORDINANCES SHALL PREVAIL OVER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES TO ENSURE THAT NECESSARY REGIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE SURTAX-FUNDED PLAN TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, CAN BE DEVELOPED IN A MANNER TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS COUNTYWIDE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the electorate of Broward County ("County") approved a thirty-year Regional Transportation System Sales Surtax (the "Transportation Surtax") to fund planning, development, operation, and maintenance of roads and bridges, bus systems, fixed guideway rapid transit systems, and on-demand transportation services, designed to reduce traffic congestion and to increase and improve transportation options available countywide;

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Transportation Surtax will be used to fund critical transportation projects and facilities, such as light rail and express transit equipment and facilities, park-and-ride lots, and other mass transit options for residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, in order to utilize the Transportation Surtax funding to provide maximum benefit in improving countywide transportation, a regional approach is

1 necessary to ensure optimal available sites are utilized for critical transportation projects
2 necessary to ensure countywide access;

3 WHEREAS, many Transportation Surtax-funded projects will serve and benefit the
4 residents of more than one municipality and therefore may be subject to overlapping
5 jurisdictions and redundant or conflicting requirements for municipal zoning and
6 permitting approvals;

7 WHEREAS, municipalities currently have the ability to effectively block the siting
8 of critical regional facilities, such as park-and-ride lots, to be used in connection with
9 emerging rail and express transit options;

10 WHEREAS, establishing a uniform regional approach to zoning and permitting
11 requirements for projects funded in whole or in part with Transportation Surtax proceeds
12 will expedite the development of such projects so improvements to the transportation
13 system can be completed as quickly as possible, thereby benefiting residents without
14 unnecessary delay and the inconvenience that results from unnecessarily prolonged
15 construction projects;

16 WHEREAS, in addition, the County has invested more than \$50 million to establish
17 a state-of-the-art regional public safety communications system to improve capacity and
18 reliability for emergency communications by first responders and other public safety
19 officials across Broward County, which will in turn improve the ability of first responders
20 to quickly, safely, and reliably respond to emergencies to protect the health, safety, and
21 lives of County residents who rely upon such prompt and reliable emergency services;

22 WHEREAS, the new regional public safety communications system, which is
23 projected to serve the County's public safety personnel for at least the next twenty (20)
24 years, requires the installation and maintenance of communications infrastructure and

1 related equipment at various locations that are owned or leased by the County but which
2 locations are within municipal boundaries;

3 WHEREAS, it would benefit the public health, safety, and welfare of residents and
4 visitors countywide to ensure that the County can access, maintain, and operate these
5 County-owned or County-leased sites that are part of the regional system without
6 subjecting such uses to inconsistent procedures and requirements imposed by the
7 various municipalities in which these sites may be located;

8 WHEREAS, as the region continues to develop and population continues to
9 increase, resulting in increased demand for social services and public infrastructure, other
10 County-owned or County-leased property may need to be utilized for other countywide
11 regional purposes such as governmental offices, which would facilitate more convenient
12 access to such offices by County residents;

13 WHEREAS, Section 2.06 of the Broward County Charter ("Charter") authorizes the
14 Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") to propose amendments and
15 revisions to the Charter, subject to referendum of the general electorate; and

16 WHEREAS, the Board desires to place an amendment to the Charter before the
17 voters at the November 3, 2020, General Election, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22 Section 1. Subject to an affirmative vote of the general electorate, Section 11.01
23 of the Charter, entitled Conflict of County ordinances with Municipal ordinances, is hereby
24 amended to read as follows:

1 **Sec. 11.01. Conflict of County ordinances with Municipal ordinances**

2 Any County ordinance in conflict with a Municipal ordinance shall not be effective
3 within the Municipality to the extent that a conflict exists regardless of whether such
4 Municipal ordinance was adopted or enacted before or after the County ordinance. A
5 County ordinance shall prevail over Municipal ordinances whenever the County acts with
6 respect to the following:

7 A. Sets minimum standards protecting the environment through the prohibition
8 or regulation of air or water pollution, or the destruction of resources in the County
9 belonging to the general public.

10 B. Land use planning.

11 C. Regulates the conduct of elected officials, appointed officials, and public
12 employees through an enacted Code of Ethics.

13 D. The development of any project(s) on County-owned or County-leased
14 property, regardless of the project's commencement date, including through County
15 regulation of zoning, permitting, construction, operation, and administration, provided
16 such project serves a public purpose with a regional benefit such as use as transportation
17 facilities pursuant to the surtax-funded transportation improvement plan, the siting and
18 operation of public safety infrastructure, or government offices.

19 In the event a County ordinance and a Municipal ordinance shall cover the same
20 subject matter without conflict, both the Municipal ordinance and the County ordinance
21 shall be effective.

22 Section 2. A referendum election is called for the General Election on
23 November 3, 2020, and at such other times as permitted for voting under Chapter 101,
24 Florida Statutes, to determine whether the Charter should be amended to allow County

ordinances to prevail over Municipal ordinances related to the utilization of County-owned or County-leased property for a regional purpose.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, at least thirty (30) days' notice of the referendum election shall be published by the Broward County Administrator in a newspaper of general circulation in Broward County. The publication shall be made at least twice, including once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the referendum is to be held. The notice is hereby attached as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

Section 4. Said referendum election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and at such other days and times as provided under applicable law, including early voting as provided by Section 101.657, Florida Statutes, at polling places established in Broward County. All registered and qualified electors in Broward County shall be eligible to vote in the referendum election. Vote-by-mail ballots and early voting access for the referendum shall be made available as provided by law.

Section 5. The election boards consisting of the clerks and inspectors appointed to serve for the General Election on November 3, 2020, are hereby appointed to serve in the referendum election in the manner provided by law.

Section 6. The Broward County Canvassing Board shall canvass the returns in said election and shall certify the results of the referendum election as provided by law.

Section 7. The County Administrator shall furnish a certified copy of this adopted Resolution to the Supervisor of Elections for Broward County on or before July 1, 2020.

1 Section 8. The title and summary of the referendum question to appear on the
2 General Election on November 3, 2020, as embodied in this enabling resolution, shall be
3 as follows:

4 **REGULATING DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**
5 **THAT SERVES A COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC PURPOSE**

6 “Ensures County-owned or County-leased property can be used for public
7 purposes with a countywide benefit, such as for siting or operating public safety
8 infrastructure, transportation facilities developed pursuant to the surtax-funded
9 transportation improvement plan, or government offices, by amending the
10 Broward County Charter to provide that County ordinances will prevail over conflicting
11 Municipal ordinances that would restrict the County’s ability to develop and use the
12 property for such countywide public benefit.”

13 YES _____

14 NO _____

15 **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

16 It is estimated that this amendment will have no financial impact to Broward
17 County.

18 Section 9. Severability.

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

statement, including the fiscal impact statement, is contrary to state law, the County Attorney is authorized to request that the Supervisor of Elections remove the applicable language from the proposed ballot proposal and the Supervisor of Elections is authorized to remove such language.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its adoption by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six (6) members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this day of , 2020.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

PROPOSED

By /s/ Joseph K. Jarone 06/04/2020
Joseph K. Jarone (date)
Assistant County Attorney

By /s/ Benjamin R. Salzillo 06/04/2020
Benjamin R. Salzillo (date)
Assistant County Attorney

By /s/ Rene D. Harrod 06/04/2020
René D. Harrod (date)
Deputy County Attorney

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Regional Facilities Charter Amendment
06/04/2020
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Exhibit A

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AND AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS PROVIDED FOR EARLY VOTING BY SECTION 101.657, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO AMEND THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT, WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR REGIONAL FACILITIES INTENDED TO SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, COUNTY ORDINANCES SHALL PREVAIL OVER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES TO ENSURE THAT NECESSARY REGIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE SURTAX-FUNDED PLAN TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, CAN BE DEVELOPED IN A MANNER TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS COUNTYWIDE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A countywide referendum election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and at such other times as provided for by Chapter 101, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of determining whether to amend the Broward County Charter to provide that, with regard to development of County property for regional facilities intended to serve a public purpose, County Ordinances prevail over Municipal ordinances;

As set forth in enabling Resolution No. 2020-____, adopted on ____, by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, the title and summary to appear on the referendum ballot shall be as follows:

**REGULATING DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY
THAT SERVES A COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC PURPOSE**

Ensures County-owned or County-leased property can be used for public purposes with a countywide benefit, such as for siting or operating public safety infrastructure, transportation facilities developed pursuant to the surtax-funded transportation improvement plan, or government offices, by amending the Broward County Charter to provide that County ordinances will prevail over conflicting Municipal ordinances that would restrict the County's ability to develop and use the property for such countywide public benefit?

YES _____

NO _____

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

It is estimated that this amendment will have no financial impact to Broward County.

A complete copy of the proposed amendment is available at [insert URL].

The referendum shall be held on November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and at such other days and times as provided under applicable law, including for early voting as provided by Section 101.657, Florida Statutes, at the polling places established in Broward County. All registered and qualified electors of Broward County shall be eligible to vote in said referendum election. Vote-by-mail ballots for the referendum election shall be prepared and made available as provided by law.

The Broward County Canvassing Board shall canvass the returns and certify the results of the referendum election to the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, the Broward County Administrator, and the Florida Department of State, to be recorded and filed in appropriate public records.

Instructions:

A. Publish two (2) times:

Once on: September 29, 2020

Once on: October 13, 2020

B. Furnish two (2) proofs of publication and invoice to:

Mary Ann Darby, Deputy Clerk
Records, Taxes and Treasury Division
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 336-U
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

C. Furnish one (1) proof of publication and invoice to:

Board of County Commissioners
Accounting Division, Room 201
Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301