

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT FEES FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS; AMENDING SECTION 40.50 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness)

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") seeks to ensure a sustainable wheelchair accessible vehicle taxicab industry for the benefit of the public as well as the taxicab industry;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to assist this struggling industry by reducing the annual operating permit fee paid by the operators of wheelchair accessible taxicabs from \$200 to \$50;

WHEREAS, the Board also wishes to address the extraordinary economic hardship the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on operators of wheelchair accessible taxicabs by waiving this annual operating permit fee for the time period from March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Broward County Administrative Code is necessary to effectuate these changes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 40.50 of the Broward County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

40.50. Environmental and Consumer Protection Fee Schedule.

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e. *Fees for Taxicabs and Limousines.* The following fees relating to taxicabs, limousines, and jitneys are hereby determined to be just and reasonable and are hereby adopted by the Board of County Commissioners:

Fee

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7. Annual Taxi/Luxury Sedan Permit Fee (Per Permit)

(a) Non-wheelchair accessible 200.00

(b) Wheelchair accessible 50.00*

*Annual operating permit fees for wheelchair accessible taxicabs are waived for the time periods from March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

Any annual operating permit fees paid for wheelchair accessible taxicab registration or renewal fees for this time period will be refunded.

Section 2. Severability.

If any portion of this Administrative Code Resolution 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 Administrative Code Resolution. If any court determines that this Administrative Code Resolution, 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 Administrative Code Resolution to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Administrative Code Resolution become part of the Broward County Administrative Code on the effective date. The sections of this Administrative Code Resolution may be numbered or relettered and the word "resolution" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word or phrase to the extent necessary in order to accomplish the intention.

This Administrative Code Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2021.

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

By /s/ Annika Ashton 12/28/2020
Annika Ashton (date)
Deputy County Attorney

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