



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Andrew J. Meyers

Department: County Attorney

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ENACT Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS; AMENDING AND RENUMBERING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("MINIMUM HOUSING CODE") TO UPDATE AND ELIMINATE OUTDATED PROVISIONS FOUND IN THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("ZONING CODE") TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE LANDLORD REGISTRATION AND RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS PROGRAM ("PROGRAM"); CREATING SECTIONS 39-120 THROUGH 39-126 OF THE ZONING CODE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS AND A PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTIONS, ENFORCEMENT, HEARINGS, AND APPEALS FOR PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING GENERAL UPDATING AMENDMENTS TO THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE AND THE ZONING CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE AND THE ZONING CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)

Why Action is Necessary

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider enactment of the Ordinance was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of January 24, 2023.

What Action Accomplishes

Allows for the Board's consideration of the proposed Ordinance.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

On August 25, 2022, the Board directed the Office of the County Attorney to prepare Ordinances to amend or repeal outdated or obsolete provisions of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") and present such Ordinances for consideration by the Board. Article IV of Chapter 5 of the

Code was enacted to establish the Minimum Housing Code for Broward County, Florida, and is a means of protecting the public health, general welfare, and life safety of the public by eliminating overcrowding, substandard living conditions, unsanitary conditions, and unsafe structures. The proposed Ordinance amends the Minimum Housing Code to delete or revise the standards that have been superseded or incorporated into other areas of the Code or the Florida Building Code, or that have been preempted by state law.

Article IX½ of Chapter 39 of the Code ("Zoning Code") was enacted to establish the "Landlord Registration and Residential Rental Property Inspections Program" in the Broward Municipal Services District for the purpose of creating a landlord registration database of current and accurate information required to contact a property owner, or designated entity, regarding health or safety violations, Minimum Housing Code complaints, or emergency situations at residential rental units. The proposed Ordinance amends the Zoning Code to incorporate applicable Minimum Housing Code requirements and establishes a mechanism for the inspection of residential rental units to ensure compliance and enforcement.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Per the Office of Management and Budget, the estimated impact on the budget does not exceed the threshold required for a Fiscal Impact Statement.