

Broward County



Legislation Text

File #: 20-467, Version: 1

Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Andrew J. Meyers

Department: County Attorney

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-091 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center to consider enactment of a proposed Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO SANITARY SEWERS; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR RURAL ESTATES AND RURAL RANCHES; PROVIDING FOR AN IMPROVED REGULATORY PROCESS FOR SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION COMPLIANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Steve Geller)

Why Action is Necessary

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Office of the County Attorney at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of May 21, 2019.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the setting of a public hearing during which the Board may consider enacting an Ordinance providing for an improved regulatory process for sanitary sewer connection compliance.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EPGMD) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DIVISION (EPCRD) RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTION.

This item supports the Board's Value of "Encouraging investments in renewable energy, sustainable practices, and environmental protection" and Goal 3: "Increase water quality protection efforts. . ."

This Ordinance supports an increase in sanitary sewer connections and further limits the use of septic tank systems within Broward County. The Ordinance: (i) removes the exemption for properties in Rural Ranches and Rural Estates land use categories from connecting to an adjacent service main upon development of, or substantial improvements to, the property; (ii) repeals the exemption for new Rural Ranches and Rural Estates subdivisions to connect to existing water and sewer mains if within a quarter mile of the property; (iii) clarifies that an exception for connecting to a service main applies to both the connection requirement and any associated connection charge; (iv) establishes civil penalties for violations; (v) provides for enforcement by Broward County within the unincorporated area and by municipalities within incorporated areas; (vi) finds that violations of certain sections of Chapter 34 constitute a public nuisance and require abatement; and (vii) deletes various obsolete provisions.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the time of the public hearing, in compliance with Section 18.5(e)(7) of the Broward County Administrative Code.