



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Mark D. Bogen

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO DIRECT County Administrator and the Office of the County Attorney to analyze protections that may be implemented to further guard against fraudulent filings in the Official Records of Broward County, and to recommend for future consideration by the Board any additional steps that should be taken to better protect against fraudulent filings, including development of an appropriate program or amendment of the Broward County Code of Ordinances or Administrative Code. (Commissioner Bogen)

Why Action is Necessary

Necessary to provide the referenced Board direction.

What Action Accomplishes

Directs County staff to analyze the issue and recommend an appropriate program for Board consideration.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

The County has experienced a rise in filings of fraudulent deeds, mortgages, and other property-related documents in the Official Records of Broward County. These false documents can interfere with residents' property rights by, for example, purporting to transfer a home to a third party. A program recently initiated by the Broward County Property Appraiser allows residents to register to receive an alert if the Property Appraiser receives a document transferring the ownership of their property. The County's Records, Taxes and Treasury Division is planning a similar program to allow interested parties to register to receive notices of filings regarding a particular property.

This item, if approved, would direct County staff to analyze whether additional protections can be implemented and, if so, to recommend an appropriate program, including any appropriate amendments of the Broward County Code of Ordinances or Administrative Code, for future consideration by the Board.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.