



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 ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-474 Amending the Broward County Administrative Code, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR LABORATORY SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 40.23 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"), PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FEES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Why Action is Necessary

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution Amending the Broward County Administrative Code was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of August 25, 2020.

What Action Accomplishes

Adopts changes to fees for services by the Environmental Monitoring Laboratory.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

The Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department ("EPGMD") maintains an Environmental Monitoring Laboratory ("Lab") certified to perform a variety of environmental sampling and analytical services and to charge fees adopted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners when providing such services.

Section 40.23.p. of the Broward County Administrative Code ("Administrative Code") contains the fee schedule for the Lab's services. Occasionally, the fee schedule must be updated to reflect changes in the sampling and analytic services the Lab performs and the costs of performing such services by amending the list of analytic methods in current use and fees for specific services.

This Resolution would amend the Lab's fee schedule to 1) delete analytic methods that are obsolete or no longer performed by the Lab; 2) simplify the schedule where one analytic method is valid whether the sample was from water or soil at the same price (so a number of duplicative analytic methods denoted "Solids" are being deleted); 3) update prices to ensure adequate revenue for the purchase of the necessary supplies for performing services; 4) reorganize the Metals Analysis fees category under a single fee; 5) add data analysis and reporting service with a fee; and 6) amend the adjustment of costs for bulk sampling or analysis requests to be up to plus or minus twenty percent (20%).

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Environmental Monitoring Laboratory estimates an increase in revenue of a minimum of \$14,400 annually.