



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 **(continued from September 22, 2020 - Item No. 40):**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE "BROWARD COUNTY LOCKSMITH ACT"; CREATING DIVISION 8 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); PROVIDING FOR LICENSING OF LOCKSMITHS AND REGISTRATION OF LOCKSMITH BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 8½-16 OF THE CODE RELATING TO FINES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Mark D. Bogen)

Why Action is Necessary

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on September 10, 2020.

What Action Accomplishes

Permits the Board to consider enactment of an Ordinance regulating locksmiths and locksmith businesses.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

Locksmiths have access to the homes, businesses, and vehicles of residents and visitors of Broward County. Currently, Broward County does not regulate or license locksmiths.

The proposed Ordinance, if enacted, would create a comprehensive regulatory program for locksmiths and locksmith businesses. Locksmiths would be required to obtain a locksmith license and locksmith businesses would be required to register. The regulatory scheme would require background checks for locksmiths (which might result in certain individuals being denied licensure),

minimum insurance coverage for locksmith businesses, and the customer's written approval of the quoted price prior to the locksmith commencing work. The proposed Ordinance also requires the locksmith obtain adequate assurance that the customer has authority over the home, vehicle, or other object at issue prior to commencing work.

This item was continued from the public hearing on September 22, 2020, to allow for further legal and staff review and to provide more time for the development of any appropriate amendments. The sponsor of this Ordinance, Commissioner Bogen, will be proposing amendments as part of a revised proposed Ordinance, which will be distributed as additional material. The County Attorney's Office will distribute a memorandum with the revised proposed Ordinance that will summarize the material changes from the initial published version.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget is attached as Exhibit 2.