# **Broward County**



# Legislation Text

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**Broward County Commission Regular Meeting** 

<u>Director's Name:</u> Andrew J. Meyers <u>Department:</u> County Attorney

#### Information

## **Requested Action**

<u>MOTION TO ADOPT</u> Resolution No. 2021-010 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center to consider adoption of a proposed Resolution 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 TIME LIMITS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; AMENDING SECTION 18.6 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ("ADMINISTRATIVE CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### Why Action is Necessary

The Broward County Charter requires the posting of notice and a public hearing for adoption of amendments to the Broward County Administrative Code.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Enables the setting of a public hearing during which the Board may consider adopting a resolution amending the Administrative Code to establish time limits for public speakers on combined items.

#### Is this Action Goal Related

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

### **Summary Explanation/Background**

The Broward County Administrative Code provides certain time limits for public comment on agenda items at meetings of the County Commission. If five or fewer individuals are registered to speak on an agenda item, each individual may speak for three minutes; if more than five individuals are registered to speak on an agenda item, the individual speaking time is reduced to two minutes per speaker.

The current procedures do not address how to calculate time limits when multiple agenda items are heard together. The proposed Resolution, if adopted, would establish that when multiple agenda

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items are heard together, the items are treated as a single item for purposes of determining speaker time limits; however, any individual registered to speak on more than one of the items being heard together may speak for the full three minutes, rather than the reduced two minutes.

### **Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact** 

# **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

None.