



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:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO QUORUMS FOR ADVISORY BOARDS AND OTHER BOARDS; AMENDING SECTION 1-233 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)

Why Action is Necessary

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider enactment of the Ordinance was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of December 8, 2020.

What Action Accomplishes

Amends Section 1-233 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances related to quorum requirements for advisory boards and other boards.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

Since March 10, 2020, Broward County (the "County") has been under both a state and local emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, which is a deadly and highly contagious disease. Due to this emergency, on March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis, pursuant to his emergency authority, waived the in-person quorum requirement for local government bodies, allowing those bodies to use communications media technology ("CMT") in lieu of a physical quorum. The Governor's emergency order lapsed on November 1, 2020, and has not been renewed.

The County has many advisory boards that are subject to the requirements of Section 1-233 of the Code. Currently, Section 1-233 of the Code requires a majority of the total appointed board members to be physically present for there to be a quorum. This proposed Ordinance amends Section 1-233

to allow the use of CMT (in lieu of the in-person quorum requirement) during declared states of local emergency.

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.