



# 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. 2021-030 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**

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 January 12, 2021.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Permits the Board to consider adoption of a Resolution amending the Broward County Administrative Code to establish time limits for public speakers when multiple agenda items are heard together.

#### **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 (5) or fewer individuals are registered to speak on an agenda item, each individual may speak for three (3) minutes; if more than five (5) individuals are registered to speak on an agenda item, the speaking time is reduced to two (2) 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 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 (3) minutes, rather than the reduced two (2) minutes.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

None.