



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

A. MOTION TO WAIVE Section 18.5(e)(1) of the Broward County Administrative Code, which requires that the Board first direct the County Attorney to draft a proposed Ordinance.

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-11:24 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-310 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center to consider enactment of a proposed Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PORT EVERGLADES BUSINESS PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 22½-6D OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Sharief)

(Transferred to the Consent Agenda.)

ACTION: (T-11:24 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

Why Action is Necessary

Board action is required to waive a provision of the Administrative Code and to set a public hearing to enact a proposed Ordinance.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the setting of a public hearing during which the Board may consider enacting the proposed Ordinance.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

Motor carriers are required to obtain a Port Everglades Motor Carrier Business Permit ("Business Permit") to operate at Port Everglades. The bulk of business for these motor carriers results from cruise traffic, which has been suspended since March 14, 2020, due to a No Sail Order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Business Permits normally expire on June 30 of each year, but last year were extended through August 2020 by prior Board action.

While many motor carriers did not renew their Business Permits for the 2020-2021 year, several did. However, with cruise traffic suspended, motor carriers found essentially no customers at the Port.

The Code of Ordinances does not expressly authorize the Board to waive fees or extend expiration dates for Business Permits. The proposed Ordinance would authorize the Board to waive fees or extend expiration dates by resolution in the event of a declared emergency.

If the proposed Ordinance is approved, the Board could then, by resolution, extend the duration of all Business Permits at no additional cost to the motor carrier, and could waive fees and penalties related to Business Permits.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the time of the public hearing, in compliance with Section 18.5(e)(7) of the Broward County Administrative Code.