



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Nan H. Rich

**Department:** County Commission

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO DIRECT** Office of the County Attorney to draft an Ordinance pertaining to a Tenant's Bill of Rights. (Commissioner Rich)

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Board direction is required for the Office of the County Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Provides the required direction to the Office of the County Attorney.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

This item supports the Board Value, "Offering sustainable, compatible, innovative housing options for all income-levels, including integrated, permanent supportive housing."

Broward County is experiencing an affordable housing crisis, which has been exacerbated by recent price shocks in the residential rental market across our community. Residents desperately need access to affordable rental housing, as access to affordable housing remains essential for working families to continue living in this community. Similarly, access to safe and stable housing is critical to individual well-being and family stability. For those reasons and more, it is fundamental for the health, safety, and welfare of Broward County residents for Broward County to protect residential tenants from discrimination and unfair and illegal rental practices.

If this item is approved, the Office of the County Attorney will analyze Tenant's Bills of Rights enacted in other jurisdictions and will prepare an Ordinance for consideration by the Board creating a Tenant's Bill of Rights, including requiring residential landlords in unincorporated Broward County to provide certain notices to tenants prior to entering into a rental agreement.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

Harrison Grandwilliams, Chief of Staff to Senator Rich, 954-357-7001

**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

To be determined by the Office of Management and Budget upon presentation of a draft Ordinance.