

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY
3 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT; AMENDING THE BROWARD COUNTY
4 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT RELATED TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ELEMENT,
5 THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT, AND THE TRANSPORTATION
6 ELEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7 (Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)
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9 WHEREAS, Broward County adopted the Broward County Comprehensive Plan
10 on April 25, 2017 (the Plan);

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce has found the Plan in compliance with
12 the Community Planning Act;

13 WHEREAS, Broward County now wishes to propose an amendment to the Plan
14 text regarding the Climate Change Element, the Recreation and Open Space Element,
15 and the Transportation Element;

16 WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environmental Services Department (f/k/a the
17 Resilient Environment Department), as the local planning agency for the Broward County
18 Comprehensive Plan, held its hearing on the proposed amendment on January 14, 2026,
19 with due public notice;

20 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held its transmittal public hearing
21 on March 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., having complied with the notice requirements specified
22 in Subsection 163.3184(11), Florida Statutes;

23 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held an adoption public hearing
24 on August 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. [also complying with the notice requirements specified
25 in Section 163.3184(11), Florida Statutes] at which public comment was accepted and
26 comments of the Department of Commerce, South Florida Regional Planning Council,
27 South Florida Water Management District, Department of Environmental Protection,
28 Department of State, Department of Transportation, Fish and Wildlife Conservation
29 Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Department of
30 Education, as applicable, were considered; and

31 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after due consideration of all
32 matters, hereby finds that the following amendment to the Plan is consistent with the State
33 Plan, Regional Plan, and the Plan; complies with the requirements of the Community
34 Planning Act; and is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents
35 of Broward County,

36 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
37 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

38 Section 1. The Plan is hereby amended by Amendment 25-T3, which is a text
39 amendment related to the Climate Change Element, the Recreation and Open Space
40 Element, and the Transportation Element, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and
41 incorporated herein.

42 Section 2. Severability.

43 If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
44 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
45 Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be
46 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
47 determination will not affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual,
48 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

49 Section 3. Effective Date.

50 (a) The effective date of the plan amendment set forth in this Ordinance shall
51 be the later of:

52 (1) Thirty-one (31) days after the Department of Commerce notifies Broward
53 County that the plan amendment package is complete;

54 (2) If the plan amendment is timely challenged, the date a final order is issued
55 by the Administration Commission or the Department of Commerce finding
56 the amendment to be in compliance; or

57 (3) If the Department of Commerce or the Administration Commission finds the
58 amendment to be in noncompliance, pursuant to Section 163.3184(8)(b),
59 Florida Statutes, the date the Board of County Commissioners nonetheless
60 elects to make the plan amendment effective notwithstanding potential
61 statutory sanctions.

Exhibit A Proposed Amendment

Climate Change Element GOPs

OBJECTIVE CC5 – Educate the Community on Socio-economic and Public Health Impacts of Climate Change Increase opportunities in the community for deliberate dialogue about climate adaptation and mitigation needs for high-vulnerability communities, the ~~role~~ ~~inequity and injustice play in exacerbating vulnerability, the socioeconomic challenges to~~ building resilience, and paths to shared decision making.

POLICY CC5.6 Broward County shall support community engagement in climate change adaptation and emergency response planning, ~~especially concerning highly vulnerable and historically disadvantaged groups, in order to ensure equity in decision-making and strive to increase access to essential resources, to~~ reduce risk and health disparities, and increase resiliency throughout the community

POLICY CC5.8 Broward County should provide ~~equity and social justice~~ training for all local government staff. ~~By 2020, the County will work with regional and community partners to seek access to training, including topics on why systemic racism and inequity is a threat-multiplier for climate change and~~ about how to design and implement equitable climate solutions collaboratively.

Recreation and Open Space Element GOPs

POLICY R1.7 Broward County shall increase safe ~~and equitable~~ access to parks through partnerships to maximize resources, initiatives, and strategies to improve the comfort, convenience, and safety of parks, ~~as well as~~ and implementing the Transportation Element's greenway policies.

Transportation Element GOPs

POLICY T2.1.2 Broward County shall provide a convenient public transit network through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, and actions:

1. Install transit shelters, benches, solar-power lighting, trash receptacles and bicycle racks, when feasible, and other amenities (such as real-time bus information) at highly utilized bus stops to encourage additional ridership;
...
8. Continue to provide door-to-door ADA complementary paratransit service and bus pass programs for residents who ~~are disabled and/or transportation disadvantaged~~ that meet Broward County's eligibility criteria;

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OBJECTIVE T2.6 Broward County, in collaboration with transportation and public health stakeholders, will prioritize ~~and evaluate equity and health outcomes in transportation decision-making to avoid disproportionate and disparate burdens on traditionally disadvantaged communities.~~

POLICY T2.6.5 Broward County, ~~shall award and distribute funds received through the United States Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to small businesses in a fair manner. shall ensure diversity of economic opportunities for local, small, women-owned, and minority-owned companies in the development and operation of the County's transportation systems.~~

POLICY T2.6.9 Broward County shall, in collaboration with the Broward MPO, FDOT, and other funding partners, ~~perform equity analyses consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, to evaluate the distribution of multimodal projects to ensure that predominantly minority and low-income communities are not denied equal benefit of transportation improvements.~~

POLICY T2.6.10 Broward County shall encourage and support forms of shared mobility that demonstrably increase mobility for underserved and disadvantaged populations.

POLICY T3.2.1 Broward County Transit shall make the most efficient use of transportation funding through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs and activities:

1. ~~Continue to e~~Evaluating route efficiency and ~~make realigning~~ routes to avoid ~~duplicate~~ redundant service as well as meet changing customer demand, travel patterns, and emerging markets;
2. Studying and considering expansion of existing contracted service agreements for routes with low farebox recovery;
3. Piloting a partnership between taxi companies and/or transportation network companies (TNC) to provide certain paratransit ~~and transportation disadvantaged trips~~ at a lower cost per ride and greater passenger convenience;
4. Encourage municipalities to require transit amenities and infrastructure such as landing pads, shelter easements, shelters, and benches as a condition of site plan approval; and
5. Continue to require dedication of bus stop shelter easements, and construction of bus stop landing pads, and connector sidewalks to support ADA as a part of the plat review process, as appropriate.