## **PROPOSED**

## RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUSPENDING THE ABANDONMENT OF CERTIFICATE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22½-5 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Mark D. Bogen)

WHEREAS, Section 22½-5(d) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code") provides that a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("Certificate") not in use during any consecutive one hundred eighty (180) day period is deemed abandoned ("Abandonment Provisions") and automatically terminated upon written notice from the Consumer Protection Division ("Division");

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), by resolution, may suspend, for a period up to one (1) year, the Abandonment Provisions of the Code upon a finding that such suspension is in the best interest of the public;

WHEREAS, the Division reports that approximately one hundred fifteen (115) Certificates, representing over ten percent (10%) of total Certificates, would be subject to abandonment if the Abandonment Provisions of the Code were applied, and the simultaneous termination of such a significant number of Certificates may result in a substantial reduction in the number of available vehicles for hire to fulfill the transportation needs of County residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the demand for taxicab service is expected to increase significantly in the near future due to the continued expansion of the Broward County Paratransit Rider's Choice Program and upcoming tourism-oriented events, including the College Football Playoff National Championship, the opening of the Broward County Convention Center Hotel, and other anticipated major events expected to draw visitors to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to ensure that there are sufficient taxicabs available to meet these upcoming needs, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- Section 1. The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the public to temporarily suspend the Abandonment Provisions to allow Certificate holders additional time to satisfy the requirements of Section  $22\frac{1}{2}-5(d)$  of the Code.
- Section 2. In accordance with the authority granted in Section 22½-5(d) of the Code, the Abandonment Provisions are suspended for a one (1) year period from the date of this Resolution.
- Section 3. Notwithstanding the suspension, all Certificate holders shall be required to pay annual permit fees when due. Accordingly, the suspension shall only apply to Certificates as to which annual permit fees are timely paid.
- Section 4. The Division shall provide notice of the Board's action and a copy of this Resolution to all Certificate holders.
- Section 5. For Certificate holders that do not timely pay the annual permit fees, if a Certificate is not in use as provided in the Abandonment Provisions, such Certificate

shall be deemed abandoned, and the Division may terminate such Certificate pursuant to Section 22½-5(d) of the Code.

Section 6. Severability.

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

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2025. **PROPOSED** 

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: <u>/s/ Javier Navas</u> 10/08/2025

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