

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.

Section 2. Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, 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 Ordinance to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

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

- (1) Thirty-one (31) days after the Department of Commerce notifies Broward County that the plan amendment package is complete;
- (2) If the plan amendment is timely challenged, the date a final order is issued by the Administration Commission or the Department of Commerce finding the amendment to be in compliance; or
- (3) If the Department of Commerce or the Administration Commission finds the amendment to be in noncompliance, pursuant to Section 163.3184(8)(b), Florida Statutes, the date the Board of County Commissioners nonetheless elects to make the plan amendment effective notwithstanding potential statutory sanctions.

(b) This Ordinance is effective as of the date provided by law.

ENACTED

PROPOSED

FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EFFECTIVE

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

By: /s/ Maite Azcoitia 04/30/2026
Maite Azcoitia (date)
Deputy County Attorney

**Alternate amendments submitted by the
County Attorney's Office**

**Exhibit A
Proposed Amendment**

The following provisions are deleted and replaced in their entirety with the following provisions:

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 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 considering highly vulnerable populations, to reduce risk and increase resilience throughout the community.

POLICY CC5.8 Broward County should provide training for all local government staff about how to collaboratively design and implement climate solutions.

Recreation and Open Space Element GOPs

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

Transportation Element GOPs

OBJECTIVE T2.6 Broward County, in collaboration with transportation and public health stakeholders, will prioritize health outcomes in transportation decision-making.

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.

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POLICY T2.6.9 Broward County shall, in collaboration with the Broward MPO, FDOT, and other funding partners, evaluate the distribution of multimodal projects with the goal of ensuring a fair distribution.

POLICY T2.6.10 Broward County shall encourage and support forms of shared mobility in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

POLICY T3.2.1 Broward County Transit shall make the most efficient use of transportation funding through:

1. Evaluating route efficiency and realigning routes to avoid duplicative service as well as meeting 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. As feasible and consistent with applicable law, 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.