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MEMORANDUM

October 28, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners**FROM:** Jennifer Steelman, Director
Office of Management and Budget

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Licensing Requirements and Restitution Trust Fund Ordinance**Summary**

Ordinance 2025-23, passed by the Board of County Commissioners on June 10, 2025, made conforming changes to the Broward County Code of Ordinances in response to Chapter 2021-214 of The Laws of Florida, as amended, relative to the preemption of local occupational licensing. Chapter 2021-214 prohibited local governments from having local occupational licensing programs with the exception of any licensing of occupations authorized by general law. The proposed ordinance makes housekeeping amendments to the Code in order to properly implement the state law.

Additionally, the proposed ordinance makes changes to the Broward County Central Examining Board's Restitution Trust Fund. Revenues of the Trust Fund are derived from civil penalties recovered by the County in actions against certified contractors, business organizations, financially responsible officers, or uncertified contractors. The Central Examining Board (CEB) anticipates an increase in the amount of work being lawfully done without a license and the reduction in licenses issued by the County will result in a reduction in the monies available in the Trust Fund. To ensure solvency of the Restitution Trust Fund, Division I and II of the CEB recommended that the Code be amended to create consistency with the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund to allow recovery of Restitution Trust Fund monies by solely those persons contracting with licensed contractors.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed ordinance will eliminate payments from the Restitution Trust Fund resulting from unlicensed contractors. In Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, payments resulting from unlicensed contractors represented 51.7% of total payments from the fund and averaged \$47,250 per year. The proposed ordinance will have no impact on revenues, since the previously enacted state law already reduced revenues. The Restitution Trust Fund is part of the County's General Trust Fund. The housekeeping amendments will have no fiscal impact.

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