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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Norman Foster, Director *NF*
Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 ½, 27, and 39 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Regulations for the Planting and Maintenance of Trees Near Power Lines

Summary

The proposal amends Chapter 8 ½, 27, and 39 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. The purpose of these codes is to establish regulations for the planting and maintenance of trees near power lines. The amendment would also pose a fine to those who fail to maintain an existing tree to conformity, or fail to notify the electrical utility company that a tree cannot be brought into conformity. The proposed amendments also include guidelines pertaining to the height of trees near powerlines per the Right Tree, Right Place specifications. Per the proposed amendments, funding would be provided from the Tree Preservation Fund for property owners in the unincorporated area to do remedial pruning and tree removal in order to bring trees into compliance; this particular section of the ordinance will sunset one year after the ordinance is adopted.

Fiscal Impact

Enforcement of this ordinance would fall within the tasks routinely completed by Code Enforcement Officers. The proposed ordinance would be enforced based on staff observations and complaints received, which is consistent with other ordinances without license requirements. In addition to this ordinance it should be noted that per Florida Administrative Code and Statutes, Florida Power and Light is required to ensure that trees do not interfere with their provision of electrical service.

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