# **ITEM #40**

(Fiscal Impact Statement)

# **ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**Public Hearing** 

**FEBRUARY 26, 2019** 

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY



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## MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Norman Foster, Director

Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 8 ½ - 16 of the Broward

County Code of Ordinances

### Summary

The proposal amends section 8 ½-16 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances which sets forth the code violations for which civil penalties may be cited. The proposed changes to the ordinance would increase the fines for many of the violations relating to prearranged ground transportation services at up to \$1,000 for first time violations and up to to \$5,000 for repeat violations. The goal of these changes would be to deter illegal ride solicitation by increasing civil fines for violations. The proposed amendments would also remove civil penalties relating to transportation network companies as regulation has been preempted by the State. Lastly, the changes would also allow the hearing officer discretion to consider the gravity of the violation, actions taken by the violator to correct the violation, and any previous violation when determining the amount of the fine.

## Fiscal Impact

The impact to Broward County related to the proposed changes is projected to be minimal due to violators being deterred from infractions as a result of the increased penalties, as well as historical data for the number of violations and collection rates.

NF:no