

ITEM #30

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Regular Meeting

MARCH 28, 2019

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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MEMORANDUM

March 19, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Norman Foster, Director *N.F.*
Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 22 ½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Motor Carriers

Summary

The proposal amends section 22 ½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances which lays out the regulations for motor carriers. The proposed changes would grant the Division and any person designated by the Division authority to seize and impound a motor vehicle being utilized for illegal solicitation of for-hire ground transportation. In addition, the proposed changes would require the Division provide notice of the vehicle seizure to the illegal solicitor if known and to conduct an appeal hearing if requested by the illegal solicitor. If the hearing officer determines that the person was not operating as an illegal solicitor, the Division would be required to pay or reimburse the towing fee and administrative fee. The proposed ordinance would also permit the illegal solicitor to appeal the hearing officer's decision. The proposed ordinance would also authorize the Division to suspend the certificate, license, permit, or registration of any person who has three or more violations of the same offense under the Broward County Code of Ordinances within the preceding twenty-four-month period. The proposed ordinance also includes minor housekeeping changes relating to insurance requirements, taxicab rates increases, and the approval of taximeters.

Fiscal Impact

Under the proposed ordinance, the illegal solicitor would be responsible for paying fees associated with the seizure or impoundment of a vehicle directly to the tow truck company. In the event that the illegal solicitor requests and wins an appeal hearing, the County would be responsible for reimbursing any towing or administrative fees paid. This is not anticipated to have a significant financial impact.

NF:no