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**MEMORANDUM**

March 26, 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 Chapter I of the Broward County Code of Ordinances Relating to Claims Against or on Behalf of Broward County

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**Summary**

The proposal amends section 1-51.3 of Chapter 1, Article IV of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, which relates to claims against or on behalf of the County. Under the current ordinance, the County Administrator is authorized to: (a) settle, adjust, or otherwise compromise claims exceeding no more than \$15,000; and (b) to settle, adjust, or otherwise compromise a county claim for subrogation or relating to personal injury or property damage on a presuit basis for the full claim amount if the claim amount does not exceed \$100,000. The proposed amendment would authorize the County Administrator to reject settlement proposals of less than \$200,000. The County Administrator would also be authorized to reject settlements of more than \$200,000 if the terms of the settlement preclude timely consideration by the Board. In order to exercise this proposed authority, the County Administrator would be required to consult with the County Attorney and determine that acceptance of the settlement would not be in the best interest of the county.

**Fiscal Impact**

The proposal would authorize the County Administrator to reject settlement proposals after consulting with the County Attorney and determining that acceptance of the settlement would not be in the best interest of the county. Granting the County Administrator this additional authority should have no fiscal impact.

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