



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.3.

8/12/2025

Subject:

Legislative intent and permission to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 58 - Historical Preservation, Article II. - Historical Commission, Section 58-37 of the Brevard County Code relating to the membership requirements for the Historical Commission

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

D3 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve Legislative Intent, direct staff to prepare an ordinance implementing such intent, and grant permission to schedule and advertise the ordinance for public hearing. The proposed ordinance will amend the Historical Commission's membership requirements found in Section 58-37(a) to provide for appointment of members at-large, rather than by district residency. This amendment will allow a commissioner to appoint a resident who is knowledgeable in the history, cultural lore, and development of Brevard County regardless of the commission district in which they reside.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Currently, County Code provides for a 15-member historical commission "...consisting of three residents of each of the county commission districts of the county appointed by the board of county commissioners." Considering the specialized nature of this advisory board's duties and the limited applications to fill vacancies, the commission district residency requirement is burdensome.

On January 9, 1996, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an amendment to the language that read, "Each County Commission District shall select three residents of Brevard County..." which eliminates the district-specific residency requirement. Though approved unanimously, this ordinance was never executed by the Chairperson at the time. A significant period has passed since this vote and the ordinance has since been amended, necessitating reconsideration by the Board.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide a copy of the Clerk's Memorandum to the County Manager and County Attorney.



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August 13, 2025

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Kim Adkinson, District 3

RE: Item J.3., Legislative Intent and Permission to Advertise an Ordinance Amending Chapter 58 – Historical Preservation, Article II, Historical Commission, Section 58-37 of the Brevard County Code Relating to the Membership Requirements of the Historical Commission

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 12, 2025, approved legislative intent and permission to advertise an ordinance to be prepared by staff, amending the Historical Commission's membership requirements found in Section 58-37(a) to provide for appointment of members at-large, rather than by district residency, as the amendment will allow a Commissioner to appoint a resident who is knowledgeable in history, cultural lore, and development of Brevard County, regardless of the Commission District in which they reside.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

cc: Each Commissioner

Meeting Date:
1/9/96

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Humphries
W. Dick*



AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	VI. E. 8

SUBJECT: Brevard County Historical Commission

DEPT./OFFICE: Commissioner Scott Ellis, District V

Requested Action:

Discuss revision of Historical Commission Ordinance 74-2, section 2, Appointee Requirements

Summary Explanation & Background:

Section 2 of Ordinance 74-2 designates the requirement that each Commissioner's individual appointee reside in the district of that particular Commission office.

Request this ordinance be revised to eliminate the residency requirement in order to allow a Commissioner the opportunity to appoint a resident who is knowledgeable in the history, culture and development of the County from any district in Brevard.

Exhibits Attached:

Ordinance No. 74-2

County Administrator's Office	Department
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ORDINANCE 96-

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, TERM, AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, THE ENACTMENT OF RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNTY HISTORIAN; DEFINING THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE MARKING OF HISTORICAL LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF HISTORICAL DATA; PROVIDING FOR EXPENSES OF COMMISSION FROM COUNTY FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR REPOSITORY FOR FINDINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND OTHER HISTORICAL MATERIAL OF COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that respect, understanding and preservation of our local history be encouraged through the establishment of an historical commission; and,

WHEREAS, Section 125.01 (1) (f), Florida Statutes, provides for the creation of historical commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida;

Section 1. Creation of Commission.

There is hereby created and established in Brevard County the Brevard County Historical Commission, hereafter referred to as "Commission".

Section 2. Membership, Qualifications, Term and Method of Appointment.

The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members. Each County Commission District shall select three residents of Brevard County ~~consisting of three (3) residents of each of the County Commission District of Brevard County~~ appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County. Said members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. The terms of the members of said Commission shall commence on the first day of January of the year of their appointment and said members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term only.

In selecting citizens to serve on the Commission, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider the interest of such citizens in the history and cultural lore and development of the County.

The chairman of the Commission shall be named by the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners may appoint such additional officers and employees to serve the Commission as it shall deem necessary. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent permitted by law.

REVISION OF ORDINANCE NO. 74-02, RE: HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Higgs, to approve revision to Ordinance No. 74-02, Historical Commission, to eliminate the residency requirement in order to allow a Commissioner the opportunity to appoint a resident who is knowledgeable in history, culture and development of Brevard County from any District. Motion carried and ordered unanimously.

1/9/1996 Minutes

*New Business VI.E.8

Board Meeting Date

8-12-25

Item Number: J.3

Motion By: KA

Second By: KD

Nay By: _____

Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
Commissioner Delaney	1	✓	
Vice Chair Goodson	2	✓	
Commissioner Adkinson	3	✓	
Commissioner Altman	5	✓	
Chairman Feltner	4	✓	