Agenda Item #:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

| Meeting Date: | March 10, 2015 | () Consent () Workshop | () Regular (X) Public Hearing |
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| Department | | | |
| Submitted By | : Environmenta | al Resources Management | |
| Submitted Fo | er: Environmenta | al Resources Management | |
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, to be known as the Palm Beach County Petroleum Contamination Cleanup Criteria Ordinance; amending Section 11-294 (ordinance supplemental to federal and state law); amending Section 11-295 (Definitions); amending Section 11-296 (adoption of Florida Administrative Code by reference); amending Section 11-297 (Violations, Enforcement; Penalties); providing for Repeal of Laws in Conflict; providing for Savings Clause; providing for Severability; providing for Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances; providing for Captions and providing for an Effective Date.

Summary: This Ordinance revises Countywide Ordinance No. 2009-018 which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on July 21, 2009. The Ordinance is revised to replace reference to Chapter 62-770, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) which was repealed by the Florida Legislature on June 12, 2013, with reference to Chapter 62-780, F.A.C., which was adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on February 4, 2014. Other than amendments to correctly reference revised state rule nomenclature, there are no material changes to the Ordinance.

In accordance with PPM No. CW-O-041 (Countywide Ordinances: Applicability and Notification to Municipalities), the amended Ordinance was presented to the Palm Beach County League of Cities on June 25, 2014 and approved by the League's General Membership on June 25, 2014. The preliminary reading was approved by the BCC on February 3, 2015. Countywide (SF)

Background and Policy Issues: Presently, the County implements and provides enforcement through Ordinance No. 2009-018 and under contract with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This Amended Ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 2009-018.

Attachments:

- 1. Amended Ordinance
- 2. Clean copy of Amended Ordinance

| Recommended by: | RAM | 2/10/14 |
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| Approved by: | Department Director | Dáté ' |
| | County Administrator | Date |

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Years 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Capital Expenditures **Operating Costs External Revenues** Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County) NET FISCAL IMPACT # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No Budget Account No.: Fund ____ Department ____ Unit ____ Object__ Program Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: B. *There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Petroleum contamination cleanup activities are currently funded through a yearly task assignment issued under DEP Contract No. S0485. C. Department Fiscal Review: III. REVIEW COMMENTS OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments: A. Contract Development and Contr 2-12-15 Stokera B. Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County Attorney C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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| 2 | ORDINANCE NO. 2015 |
| 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 | A COUNTYWIDE ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ORDINANCE 2009-018) KNOWN AS THE PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION CLEANUP CRITERIA ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 11-294 (ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO FEDERAL AND STATE LAW); AMENDING SECTION 11-295 (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 11-296 (ADOPTION OF FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY REFERENCE); AMENDING SECTION 11-297 (VIOLATIONS, ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. |
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| 23 | WHEREAS, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County |
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| 27 | Florida Statutes, that the preservation of surface and ground water is a matter of the highest |
| 28 | urgency and priority and that the storage, transportation, and disposal of petroleum products is |
| 29 | a hazardous undertaking that poses a threat to the environment and water resources; and |
| 30 | WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") adopted |
| 31 | Petroleum Contamination Site Cleanup Criteria in 1986; and |
| 32 | WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has enforced State petroleum cleanup rules under |
| 33 | contract with FDEP since 1988; and |
| 34 | WHEREAS, Palm Beach County, through its local enforcement procedures, has the |
| 35 | ability to carefully monitor and quickly respond to petroleum contamination at the local level; |
| 36 | and |
| 37 | WHEREAS, it is the intent and policy of the Palm Beach County Board of County |
| 38 | Commissioners to ensure the continued health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for the |
| 39 | existing and future residents of Palm Beach County by protecting its valuable and critical water |
| 10 | resources; and |

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| 2 | interest of Palm Beach County to monitor petroleum contaminated sites and sites with the |
| 3 | potential to produce petroleum contamination; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in |
| 5 | the best interest of the citizens of Palm Beach County to amend it countywide ordinance |
| 6 | providing for local enforcement of petroleum cleanup standards and procedures; and |
| 7 | WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners intends to adopt |
| 8 | and incorporate by reference certain provisions of the Florida Statutes and Florida |
| 9 | Administrative Code pertaining to petroleum contamination site cleanup. |
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| 14 15 | Section 11-294. Ordinance supplemental to federal and state law. |
| 16 | (a) The provisions of this Ordinance are not intended to and shall not be construed as |
| 17 | changing, modifying, amending, repealing, superseding, conflicting with, or substituting any |
| 18 | provisions or sections of the Florida Statutes or Florida Administrative Code related to |
| 19 | petroleum contamination site cleanup but shall be construed as supplemental and additional |
| 20 | thereto. This Ordinance shall not be construed as impairing the jurisdiction of any court within |
| 21 | the County. This Ordinance shall be deemed to be an alternative or additional method for the |
| 22 | County, its officers and agents, to effect the purposes of each of the state statutes and rules |
| 23 | adopted by reference in section 5 of this Ordinance. |
| 24 | (b) Persons or entities subject to this Ordinance must comply with applicable state and |
| 25 | federal regulations. Approvals received under this Ordinance do not qualify as local approval |
| 26 | as may be required under state and/or federal rules unless the approval is expressly designated |
| 27 | as approval for both this Ordinance and another applicable state or federal rule or regulation. |
| 28 29 | SECTION 2. SECTION 11-295 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 30 | Section 11-295. Definitions. |
| 31 | The following terms when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to |
| 32 | them in this section. In addition, the definitions and terms contained in Section 376.301, |
| | Text that is stricken notes text to be deleted. Text that is underlined notes text to be added. Page 2 of 7 |

| 1 | Florida Statutes, and Section 62-780.200 62-770.200, Florida Administrative Code, as amended |
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| 2 | from time to time, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference. When not |
| 3 | inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the |
| 4 | plural number include the singular number, words in the singular number include the plural |
| 5 | number, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders whenever the sense |
| 6 . | requires. The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive. |
| 7 | Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. |
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| 9 | "Director" means the director of the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental |
| 10 | Resources Management. |
| 11 | "ERM" means the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources |
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| 13 | "FDEP local program" means the Palm Beach County program established pursuant to |
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| 15 | Environmental Protection in the administration of the petroleum contamination site cleanup. |
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| 17 | SECTION 3. SECTION 11-296 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 18 | Section 11.296. Adoption of Florida Administrative Code by reference. |
| 19 | The following portions of the Florida Administrative Code, in their current form and as |
| 20 | subsequently amended, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and shall be part of |
| 21 | this Ordinance as if they were set out in their entirety: |
| 22 | (1) Chapter 62-770, Florida Administrative Code, as may be amended. |
| 23 | (2)(1) Chapter 62-777, Florida Administrative Code, as may be amended. |
| 24 | (2) Chapter 62-780, Florida Administrative Code. |
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| 26 27 | SECTION 4. 11-297 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 28 | Section 11-297. Violations, enforcement; penalties. |
| 29 | (a) Failure to comply with any requirement of this Ordinance shall constitute a |
| 30 | violation of this Ordinance punishable as provided herein. |

| 1 | (b) Each day a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance continues is a separate |
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| 2 | violation. |
| 3 | (c) If a person or entity causing or responsible for any prohibited discharge fails to |
| 4 | immediately contain, remove, or abate the discharge to the satisfaction of the County, the |
| 5 | County may contain, remove, or abate the discharge and said responsible person or entity shall |
| 6 | be liable for all costs incurred by the County. |
| 7 | (d) If the owner of property that is subject to a violation of this Ordinance transfers the |
| 8 | ownership of such property between the time a notice of violation is served and the time of a |
| 9 | hearing involving a violation of this Ordinance and the alleged violator fails to disclose said |
| 10 | violation to the purchaser, the transfer creates a rebuttable presumption of fraud. |
| 11 | (e) Violations of the provisions of this Ordinance may be punished pursuant to ss |
| 12 | 403.121, 403.141, 403.161, Florida Statutes. |
| 13 | (f) Violations of the provisions of this Ordinance may be punished pursuant to Chapter |
| 14 | 162, Florida Statutes, as a civil infraction with a maximum penalty as provided by law. |
| 15 | (g) The County may avail itself of any other legal or equitable remedy available to it |
| 16 | including without limitation, injunctive relief and or revocation of any permit involved, in the |
| 17 | enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance. |
| 18 | (h) Any person violating this Ordinance shall be liable for all costs incurred by the |
| 19 | County in connection with enforcing this Ordinance, including without limitation, attorneys |
| 20 | fees and investigative and court costs. |
| 21 | (i) Violations of this Ordinance may be referred by ERM to the Groundwater and |
| 22 | Natural Resources Protection Board (GNRPB) for corrective actions and civil penalties. Any |
| 23 | person who is party to the proceeding before the GNRPB may appeal the Board's Order to the |
| 24 | Circuit Court of Palm Beach County in accordance with Florida Appellate Rules of Procedure |
| 25 | Funds collected pursuant to administrative penalties levied by the GNRPB for violations of this |
| 26 | Ordinance shall be deposited in the Palm Beach County Pollution Recovery Trust Fund, or |
| 27 | such other place as may be designated by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. |
| 28 | (j) In order to provide an expeditious settlement that would be beneficial to the |

enforcement of this Ordinance and be in the best interest of the citizens of the County, the

Director of ERM is authorized to enter into voluntary consent (settlement) agreements with

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| 1 | alleged violators. Any such agreement shall be a formal written consent agreement between |
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| 2 | ERM on behalf of Palm Beach County, by and through its Director, and any such alleged |
| 3 | violators, and shall be approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's |
| 4 | Office. The agreement can be entered into at any time prior to the hearing before the GNRPB. |
| 5 | (1) Conditions. Such consent agreements may be conditioned upon a promise |
| 6 | by the alleged violator to: |
| 7 | (i) Bring the parcel into compliance with this Ordinance and maintain it |
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| 10 | maximum amount allowed per violation, as set forth in this Ordinance; |
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| 9 | (k) All remedies and penalties in this Ordinance are alternative and mutually exclusive. |
| 10 11 | SECTION 5. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT. |
| 12 | All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are |
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| 15 | SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE. |
| 16 | Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all provisions of Palm Beach County Code |
| 17 | Section 11-291 through 11-311, codifying Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 2009-018 are |
| 18 | specifically preserved and remain in full force and effect for the limited purpose of enforcing |
| 19 | any alleged violations, warning letters, notices of violation, consent agreements, or |
| 20 | enforcement orders issued pursuant to said Code which occurred prior to its amendment. |
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| 22 | SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. |
| 23 | If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any |
| 24 | reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void |
| 25 | such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. |
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| 27 28 | SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS. |
| 29 | The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach |
| 30 | County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish |
| 31 | such, and the word Ordinance may be changed to section, article, or other appropriate word. |
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| | Correction of typographical errors that do not change the intent and meaning of the Ordinance |
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| | may be authorized by the County Administrator or his designee without the need of a public |
| | hearing by filing a corrected or recodified copy of the same with the Clerk of Circuit Court. |
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| ; | SECTION 9. CAPTIONS. |
| | The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for |
| | convenience only and have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance. |
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| | SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. |
| | The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the |
| | Department of State. |
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| | APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach |
| | County, Florida, on this the day of, 20 |
| | SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK |
| | AND COMPTROLLER PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |
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| | By: |
| | Deputy Clerk Shelley Vana, Mayor |
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| 22 23 | SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS. |
| 24 | The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach |
| 25 | County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish |
| 26 | such, and the word Ordinance may be changed to section, article, or other appropriate word. |
| 27 | Correction of typographical errors that do not change the intent and meaning of the Ordinance |
| 28 | may be authorized by the County Administrator or his designee without the need of a public |
| 29 | hearing by filing a corrected or recodified copy of the same with the Clerk of Circuit Court. |
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| 31 | SECTION 9. CAPTIONS. |
| 32 | The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for |

convenience only and have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

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| 2 | SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. |
| 3 | The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with th |
| 4 | Department of State. |
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| 6 | APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach |
| 7 | County, Florida, on this the day of, 20 |
| 8 9 10 11 | SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK AND COMPTROLLER PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |
| 12 13 14 15 | By: By: Shelley Vana, Mayor |
| 16 17 18 | APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY |
| 19 20 21 22 | By: County Attorney |
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| 24 | EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the day o |
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