

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* -0-	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

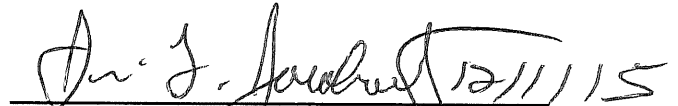
* Fiscal impact is indeterminable.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:


 11/23 MS 11/23 OFMB 11/23


 Contract Development and Control
 12/11/15
 B. Wheeler 1-30-15

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, pursuant to
4 its authority under Florida Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1(g), Section 125.01, Florida
5 Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Charter, hereby adopts the Palm Beach County Civil
6 Citation for Small Quantity Marijuana Possession Ordinance; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has conducted a duly noticed public
8 hearing to consider this Ordinance in accordance with Section 125.66, Florida Statutes.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
10 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

11 **SECTION 1. TITLE:**

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13 Marijuana Possession Ordinance.

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15 This Ordinance shall be applicable within the unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County,
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2 kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise
3 introducing marijuana into the human body.

4 **SECTION 4. CIVIL INFRACTIONCITATION FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR**
5 **VIOLATIONS:**

6 The following State law misdemeanor violations are declared civil infractions and eligible to
7 receive a civil citation, at the discretion of a law enforcement officer, provided that such
8 violations are not charged in conjunction with any criminal charge:

9 (a) Possession, by a person 18 years of age or older, of marijuana in an amount of 20 grams
10 or less, as set forth in section 893.13(6)(d), Florida Statutes, as such may be amended from time
11 to time; and

12 (b) Possession, by a person 18 years of age or older, of marijuana drug paraphernalia.

13 **SECTION 5. CIVIL PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT:**

14 (a) This Ordinance is enforceable by all law enforcement officers.

15 (b) A person who is issued a civil citation pursuant to this Ordinance shall be subject to a
16 civil fine of \$100 plus court costs.~~the following:~~

17 ~~a. On receipt of a first civil citation: a civil fine of \$100 plus court costs; and~~
18 ~~satisfactory completion of an approved substance abuse education class.~~

19 ~~b.a. On receipt of a second civil citation: a civil fine of \$250 plus court costs;~~
20 ~~satisfactory completion of an approved substance abuse education class; and 4 hours~~
21 ~~of community service at a community service agency. The community service~~
22 ~~agency supervising the person shall record the number of hours of community~~
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26 ~~signature of the person designated to represent the community service agency.~~

27 (c) In lieu of paying the \$100 fine, a person may elect to participate in 10 hours of
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31 submit the data to the clerk of the court on the letterhead of the community service agency.

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2 | community service agency.

3 | ~~(e)~~(d) No person may receive more than two civil citations pursuant to this Ordinance.

4 | ~~(d)~~(e) The County Court shall have jurisdiction over all violations of this Ordinance.

5 | ~~(e)~~(f) ~~The County Clerk of Court shall accept designated fines and issue receipts therefor,~~
6 | ~~accept proof of the satisfactory completion of approved substance abuse education class, and~~
7 | ~~accept proof of satisfactory completion of community service.~~

8 | ~~(f)~~(g) A person issued a civil citation pursuant to Section 4 shall comply with all directives on
9 | the citation.

10 | ~~(g)~~(h) A person who fails to make payment as provided on the citation, and fails to
11 | satisfactorily complete ~~an approved substance abuse education class and~~ community service;
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13 | his or her right to pay the civil penalty as set forth on the citation.

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18 | ~~(i)~~(j) If a person fails to pay the civil penalty and fails to satisfactorily complete ~~an approved~~
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2 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
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24 Deputy Clerk

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28 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND**
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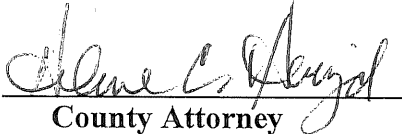
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By: _____
Shelley Vana, Mayor

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