

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

[ ] Consent [ ] Regular  
[ X ] Ordinance [ X ] Public Hearing

Department: Administration  
Submitted By: Office of Equal Business Opportunity (OEBO)

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to adopt: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, PART C OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, (ORDINANCE 2018-021), PERTAINING TO THE EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; 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:** The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the amended Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance on preliminary reading on February 27, 2024 to include the modification of the definition of the current gross annual revenue size standards for small businesses under the EBO Program to align size standards with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) criteria, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the current North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes as follows: From \$9 million to \$13 million for Construction; from \$5 million to \$7 million for Professional Services (Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) Required); from \$5 million to \$7 million for Goods; and from \$4 million to \$5.7 million for Professional Services (CCNA Not Required) and Other Services; and to modify Program Administration, Exceptions and Waivers, to permit small and minority, women-owned business enterprises (S/M/WBES) performing on contracts with minimum mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals to remain on contracts after the SBE graduates from the EBO Program.  
Countywide (RS)

**Background and Policy Issues**

On January 30, 2024, the BCC directed staff to modify the definition of the current gross annual revenue size standards for SBEs under the EBO Program to align size standards with the current CPI criteria, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the current NAICS codes. The BCC also directed staff to modify Program Administration to permit S/M/WBES performing on contracts with minimum mandatory SBE participation goals to remain on the contracts after the S/M/WBE graduates from the EBO Program.

**Attachments:**

- 1) Proposed OEBO Ordinance
- 2) PowerPoint Presentation
- 3) Proof of Publication

Recommended by:

  
Department Director

February 28, 2024

Date

Approved By:

  
Assistant County Administrator

3/6/2024  
Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact**

Fiscal Years	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Net Fiscal Impact</b>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)      0      0      0      0      0

Is Item Included In Current Budget?    Yes         No     

Budget Account Exp No: Fund      Department      Unit      Object       
 Rev No: Fund      Department      Unit      RevSc     


**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**  
 There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Departmental Fiscal Review: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

  
 OFMB      GA 2/28  
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 Contract Administration  
 Feb 2/29/24

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, PART C OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, (ORDINANCE NO. 2018-021), PERTAINING TO THE EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; 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.

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2018, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 2018-021 (Equal Opportunity Ordinance) establishing the Equal Business Opportunity Program (Program) and the Office of Equal Business Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Program seeks to ensure that all segments of Palm Beach County's (County) business population, including, but not limited to, small, local, minority, and women-owned businesses, have an equitable opportunity to participate in the County's procurement process, prime contract, and subcontract opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) moved to amend the Program to (1) increase the gross annual revenue size standards (minimum size standards) of a small business enterprises (SBEs) and (2) permit small and minority- and women-owned business enterprises (S/M/WBEs) performing on contracts with S/B/WBE participation goals to count towards the participation goals when they graduate from the Equal Business Opportunity Program; and

WHEREAS, section 2-80.21 of the Palm Beach County Code defines Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and states that the Director of the Office of EBO may periodically revise the initial size standards "as necessary to satisfy and better serve the purposes and objectives of this EBO Ordinance;" and

WHEREAS, the current minimum size standards to qualify as an SBE under the Program are not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 for construction services; \$5,000,000.00 for providing goods; \$5,000,000.00 for professional services procured pursuant the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA); \$4,000,000.00 for non-CCNA professional services; and \$4,000,000.00 for other services; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in order to keep up with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI), the United  
2 States Small Business Administration best practices, and the current North American Industry  
3 Classification System (NAICS), the annual gross revenue not exceeding amounts must be increased,  
4 and

5           **WHEREAS**, County contracts requiring S/M/WBE participation currently do not account  
6 for the participation of firms graduating (i.e. exceeding the gross annual revenue size standards) from  
7 the Program during the life of the contract; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in order to promote greater availability, capacity development, and contract  
9 participation by S/M/WBEs in County contracts, S/M/WBEs counting toward SBE participation  
10 goals on County contracts must be allowed to continue to count toward S/B/WBE participation goals  
11 on County contracts when the S/M/WBE graduates from the Program and until the contract ends;  
12 and

13           **WHEREAS**, this proposed amendment is narrowly-tailored in accordance with the  
14 applicable law, and the specific barriers to S/M/WBE participation.

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

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18 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** Section 2-80.21 of the Palm Beach County Code, defining “Small  
19 Business Enterprise,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

20           *Small Business Enterprise (SBE)* means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or  
21 other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit that: (1) is independently owned and operated  
22 by individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories; and (2) is  
23 currently certified as having annual revenues that satisfy S/M/WBE size standards on an industry-  
24 specific basis (i.e., Construction, CCNA Professional Services including Architectural and  
25 Engineering Design firms, Professional Services, Goods, and Other Services) that are reflected in the  
26 PPM; and (3) also is domiciled in Palm Beach County and satisfies the Significant Business Presence  
27 and other eligibility requirements for participation in the EBO Program as defined herein. The size  
28 standards for SBE firms are as follows, and may be periodically revised by the Director of the Office  
29 of EBO as necessary to satisfy and better serve the purposes and objectives of this EBO Ordinance,  
30 and shall thereafter be reflected in the PPM:

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- 1 (1) For a provider of Construction Services, the annual gross revenue shall not exceed  
2 thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000.00) (averaged over the previous three (3) most  
3 recent years, or if in business less than three (3) years, averaged over the duration of  
4 the provider's existence).
- 5 (2) For a provider of Professional Services procured pursuant to the CCNA statute, the  
6 average annual gross revenues shall not exceed seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00)  
7 (averaged over the previous three (3) most recent years, or if in business less than three  
8 (3) years, averaged over the duration of provider's existence).
- 9 (3) For a provider of other Non-CCNA Professional Services, the average annual gross  
10 revenue shall not exceed five million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000.00)  
11 (averaged over the previous three (3) most recent years, or if in business less than three  
12 (3) years, averaged over the duration of the provider's existence).
- 13 (4) For a provider of Goods, the annual gross revenue shall not exceed seven million  
14 dollars \$7,000,000.00) (averaged over the previous three (3) most recent years, or if  
15 in business less than three (3) years, averaged over the duration of the provider's  
16 existence).
- 17 (5) For a provider of Other Services, the average annual gross revenue shall not exceed five  
18 million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000.00) (averaged over the previous  
19 three (3) most recent years, or if in business less than three years, averaged over the  
20 duration of the provider's existence).

21 In addition, the Director of the Office of EBO is authorized to establish a second tier size  
22 standard for Emerging SBEs that are eligible for small sheltered market contracts; and whose size  
23 standards are 50% or less than the size standards for SBEs. If, and when, established, the size  
24 standards for Emerging SBEs and Emerging M/WBEs shall be 50% or less of the sizes of SBE size  
25 standards, and shall also be reflected in the PPM.

26 **SECTION 2. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.** Section 2-80.28(d) of the Palm Beach County  
27 Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 (d) *Exceptions and Waivers.*

- 29 (1) If a respondent or bidder is unable to comply with the API requirements imposed by GSC  
30 under the terms of this EBO Ordinance, such respondent or bidder shall submit, as required

1 in the Solicitation, a request for a waiver or partial waiver at the time as required in the  
2 Solicitation. Such waiver request shall include specified documentation that demonstrates  
3 satisfactory Good Faith Efforts were undertaken by respondent or bidder to comply with  
4 the requirements as described under the selected API. The Good Faith Effort waiver request  
5 shall be submitted to the County at least seven (7) days prior to the bid closing date as  
6 stated in the Solicitation, and shall be reviewed, evaluated, and scored in the first instance  
7 by the Office of EBO within seven (7) days of receipt. If the Office of EBO determines  
8 that adequate Good Faith Efforts have been demonstrated by the respondent or bidder to  
9 warrant a partial or total waiver of the applied API, then the Solicitation shall be amended  
10 accordingly to reflect the partial or total waiver, and any bids received by the County in  
11 the interim shall be returned unopened. The amended solicitation shall then be advertised  
12 to all prospective respondents or bidders, including, but not limited to the respondent or  
13 bidder that requested the waiver. However, if the Office of EBO determines that the  
14 respondent or bidder failed to submit documentation sufficient to demonstrate that Good  
15 Faith Efforts were undertaken by respondent or bidder to support its waiver or partial  
16 waiver request, the request for waiver or partial waiver shall be denied, and the Solicitation  
17 shall remain unchanged. Any bid that fails to comply with API requirements stated in the  
18 Solicitation after the period allowed for waiver requests has lapsed shall be deemed non-  
19 responsive. In the event of an adverse waiver or partial waiver request decision, the  
20 respondent or bidder shall have the right to request reconsideration of the adverse decision  
21 by the Director of the EBO Office, and if still aggrieved, shall be subsequently entitled to  
22 the process for an appeal to a Special Master as referenced in EBO Ordinance Section 2.-  
23 80.28 (b). The contract award process shall only be upheld until the EBO Director  
24 reconsideration and Special Master Appeal processes have concluded.

- 25 (2) If, after solicitation due date, a contractor is unable, through no fault of its own, to meet  
26 the participation requirements for S/M/WBEs specified at response submittal, the  
27 contractor must immediately seek substitute S/M/WBEs to fulfill the requirements; the  
28 requested substitution must be approved by the Director of the Office of EBO or designee  
29 and the Originating Department Director or designee. If, after reasonable Good Faith  
30 Efforts, the contractor is unable to find an acceptable substitute S/M/WBE, a post-bid  
31 opening waiver may be requested. The request shall document the reasons for the

1 contractor's inability to meet the goal requirement. In the event the contractor is found not  
2 to have performed Good Faith Efforts in its attempt to find a suitable a substitute for the  
3 initial S/M/WBE proposed utilization, one (1) or more of the penalties and sanctions of the  
4 EBO ordinance may be imposed. No waiver is required if an S/M/WBE counting toward  
5 the participation requirements for S/M/WBEs specified at response submittal exceeds the  
6 SBE size standards stated in the EBO Ordinance or PPM, as amended, and graduates from  
7 the EBO Ordinance during the course of the resulting contract. In such cases, an S/M/WBE  
8 counting toward a participation goal will count toward the goal for the life of the contract  
9 and until the contract ends.

10 (3) Upon submission of a prospective draft Solicitation to the Office of EBO, and prior to the  
11 public release of solicitations, an Originating Department or Department of Purchasing  
12 may request the Director of the Office of EBO or designee to waive or modify the  
13 application of API requirements for S/M/WBE participation by submitting its reasons in  
14 writing. In the event consensus cannot be reached regarding the request, the request for  
15 exception of the solicitation from the EBO Ordinance shall be resolved by the County  
16 Administrator or designee. The County Administrator or designee may grant such an  
17 exception or modification of application of an API upon a determination that:

- 18 a. The extraordinary and necessary requirements of the contract render application of  
19 the APIs infeasible or impractical;
- 20 b. The nature of the goods or services being procured are excluded from the scope of  
21 this EBO Ordinance; or
- 22 c. Sufficient qualified S/M/WBEs providing the goods or services required by the  
23 contract are unavailable in Palm Beach County despite every reasonable attempt to  
24 locate them.

25 Otherwise, such Solicitations shall be forwarded to the Director of the Office of EBO or  
26 designee for review and also to the GSC for possible application of APIs. Any further  
27 requests from an Originating Department or Purchasing Department for modification of  
28 Goal amounts or other APIs as established by the GSC shall be presented to the County  
29 Administrator or designee, whose decisions on such requests shall be final.

1 (4) The Director of the Office of the EBO may waive the application of APIs to enhance  
2 S/M/WBE utilization for a specific contract in accordance with the procedures set forth in  
3 the EBO Ordinance Section 2-80.22.

- 4 a. The Originating Department or Purchasing certifies to the Director of the Office of  
5 EBO and County Administrator or designee:
- 6 b. That an emergency exists which requires goods or supplies to be provided with such  
7 immediacy that it is unable to comply with the requirements of this Part;
- 8 c. That the prospective contractor is an S/M/WBE or, if not, that the prospective  
9 contractor will make a Good Faith Effort to utilize S/M/WBEs; and
- 10 d. That the conditions imposed by law, or the external source of funding for the contract  
11 or grant effectively prohibits the application of the EBO Ordinance.

12 Final approval of all such exceptions and waivers shall be made by the County  
13 Administrator or designee.

14 **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT.**

15 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby  
16 repealed to the extent of such conflict.

17 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

18 Notwithstanding Section 3, Repeal of Laws in Conflict, all administrative and county orders,  
19 fines, and pending enforcement issued pursuant to the authority and procedures established by  
20 Ordinance 2018-021 shall remain in full force and effect.

21 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

22 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Equal Business Opportunity  
23 Ordinance, Policies, Procedures, or the application thereof, to any person or circumstance is for any  
24 reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, invalid or void,  
25 such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Equal Business Opportunity Ordinance or the  
26 application of any other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid  
27 provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to  
28 be severable.

29 **SECTION 6. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES.**

30 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and  
31 Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or



1 re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or  
2 other appropriate word.

3 **SECTION 7. CAPTIONS.**

4 The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for  
5 convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

6 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of  
8 State.

9 APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on this  
10 the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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13 **JOSEPH ABRUZZO,**  
14 **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT**  
15 **COURT & COMPTROLLER**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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19 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
20 **Deputy Clerk**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

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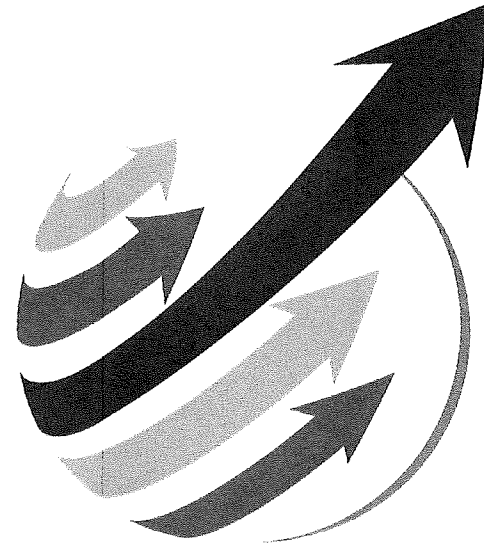
24 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND**  
25 **LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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28 By:   
29 **County Attorney**

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31 **EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,**  
32 **2024**



**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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**OFFICE OF EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

**SMALL BUSINESS IS BIG BUSINESS**

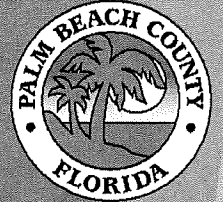
# MISSION AND VISION

## THE MISSION

To foster the inclusion of local small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises (S/M/WBE) in the Palm Beach County procurement process, which influences the economic development of the county.

## OUR VISION

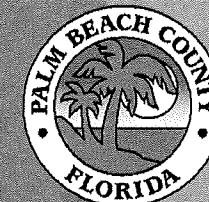
To be the most valuable resource and leading advocate for S/M/WBEs throughout Palm Beach County.



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners

# EBO PROGRAM ORDINANCE

Small businesses wishing to participate in Palm Beach County's contracting opportunities in the areas of Commodities, Construction, and Professional Services may apply for small business certification. Certification is granted for up to three (3) years, except in accordance with the graduation and suspension provision found in the EBO Ordinance (Sec. 2-80.21). Palm Beach County utilizes the National Institute of Government Procurement (NIGP) commodity codes to classify vendors according to the services and products they provide.



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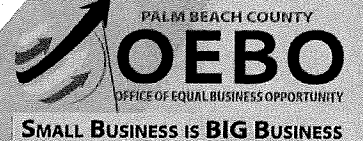


# EBO PROGRAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

- On January 30, 2024 Board of County Commissioners directed staff to amend the EBO Program Ordinance to modify the definition of the size standards for the following industries and Program Administration: Exceptions and Waivers as follows:
  - Construction - from \$9 million to \$13 million
  - Professional Services CCNA - from \$5 million to \$7 million
  - Goods - from \$5 million to \$7 million
  - Professional Services Non-CCNA & Other Services - from \$4 million to \$5.7 million

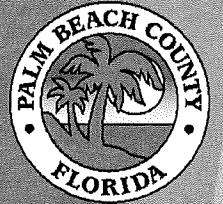


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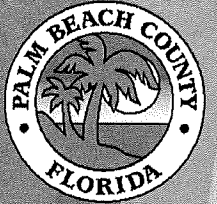
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- Program Administration: Exceptions and Waivers
  - To permit small and minority, women-owned business enterprises (S/M/WBEs) performing on contracts with minimum mandatory SBE goals to remain on contracts after the SBE graduates from the EBO Program.
- February 27, 2024 the BCC approved preliminary reading and permission to advertise for public hearing on March 12, 2024.



# EBO PROGRAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

- Next Steps
  - Public hearing to adopt Ordinance on March 12, 2024; and
  - Notify all graduated and expired firms and prime contractors of modification to size standards and Program Administration: Exceptions and Waivers upon filing with the Department of State.
  - Letter of Notification Sample (Page 7)



# EBO PROGRAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT



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"A Equal Opportunity  
Affirmative Action Employer"

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March 4, 2024

Principal Name:  
Company Name:  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear:

On January 30, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) moved to amend the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance to increase the gross revenue size standards for small business enterprises (SBE). The new standards are as follows:

- Construction: \$13 million
- CCNA Professional Services: \$7 million
- Non-CCNA Professional Services: \$5.7 million
- Goods: \$7 million
- Other Services: \$5.7 million

In addition, SBEs that graduate while working on a contract with a Small, Minority and/or Women Business goal will continue to count towards the established goal. These two changes are subject to a vote by the BCC on March 12 to enact an amendment to the EBO Ordinance. The changes will then take effect when the amendment is filed with the State of Florida, Department of State.

If your annual revenue, averaged over the past three (3) years, does not exceed the proposed revised size standards, you are eligible to apply for certification. A notification will be placed on the EBO website when the amendment is effective and when you may submit your application. The EBO website is [Office of Equal Business Opportunity Home \(pbcgov.org\)](http://Office of Equal Business Opportunity Home (pbcgov.org)).

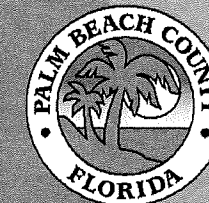
As you are aware, the EBO Office has up to ninety (90) business days to process a completed application. If you are currently on a project, you may choose to expedite your application in which the certification will be processed within twenty (20) business days for a fee of \$300.00. You can find instructions to submit your electronic application on the EBO website under the Documents tab.

I have attached a copy of the proposed EBO Ordinance Amendment for your convenience. If you have questions, please contact your former EBO Specialist or our office at 561-616-6840.

Sincerely,

Tonya Davis Johnson, Director

cc: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Verdenia Baker, County Administrator  
Reginald Duen, Assistant County Administrator  
Denise Coffman, County Attorney  
Richard Sena, Assistant County Attorney



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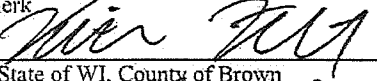
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT 9:30 A.M. ON MARCH 12, 2024, in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers, 6th Floor, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach FL., the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, FL., intends to hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following proposed Palm Beach County Ordinance (s):

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-**  
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A copy of the above-referenced proposed ordinance is available for inspection in the Minutes Department, 2nd floor, Room 203.2, Governmental Center. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance(s).  
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by this commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing they will need to have a record of the proceeding, and for that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.  
JOSEPH ABRUZZO,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller  
Board of County Commissioners  
3/1/24 #9899256

