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Agenda Item #:

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 15, 2006

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

Submitted By: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff requests Board direction : reestablishing an exemption in the occupational licensing ordinance for licensed professionals serving under the direct supervision of another person.

Summary: When the County Commission amended the Occupational License Ordinance in 2005, it removed an exemption that applied to licensed professionals who served under the direct supervision of another person. This action made our ordinance consistent with the Local Occupational License Tax Act, under Florida Statutes. Real estate salespersons in Palm Beach County have historically benefited from this exemption, and have requested that the exemption be reestablished. **(Countywide) (LB)**

Background and Policy Issues: At the March 1, 2005, BCC meeting, Board directed staff to review the classifications, as part of updating the occupational licensing ordinance, and make recommendations. Review of the ordinance resulted in a recommended change to the Professions, businesses, occupations classification, to remove an exemption for persons, licensed by law under a regulatory statute, who are under the direct supervision of another person. The removal of the exemption was consistent with Florida Statute, Chapter 205. The occupational license fee for this classification is \$33 per year and \$16.50 for a half year. Since the implementation of Ordinance 2005-10, the County has issued over 1700 licenses to real estate associates and collected over \$33,000 in related fees.

Recommended by: Richard Lopez
Department Director

8/2/06
Date

Approved by: [Signature]
County Administrator

8/2/06
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
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 _____ Depart _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program _____

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

Annual revenues related to removing the exemption to this classification are approximately \$56,000 for the first full fiscal period. In addition, it is anticipated these revenue collections would increase 5% per year, thereafter.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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

Elizabeth Coesh
 OFMB
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N/A
 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature]
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director