

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-0397

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 11, 2026

Type of Action: Charter amendment; Board composition revision; Emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 2 of Ordinance 2021-838-E, as amended by Ordinance 2024-69-E, to amend the Charter of the Baymeadows Community Improvement District (BCID), a dependent special district established pursuant to Section 189.02, Florida Statutes. The amendments require City Council approval for property acquisitions equal to or exceeding \$100; require that, subsequent to the terms of the Initial Board of Supervisors, at least one member of the Board be a commercial property owner or their designated representative; require District Council Member appointment and City Council confirmation for all Board Supervisors; reduce the number of At-Large Supervisors from three to one, thereby reducing the Board from seven members to five (four Area Group Supervisors and one At-Large Supervisor); allow vacancies on the Board to be filled on an interim basis by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members, subject to subsequent appointment by the District Council Member and confirmation by City Council; and correct various scrivener's errors. The bill requests one-cycle emergency passage pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.

Background Information: Section 189.02, Florida Statutes, provides that the City Council may create dependent special districts for the purpose of delivering essential services to specific areas within the City. The City established the BCID and adopted its Charter through Ordinance 2021-838-E, enacted on February 8, 2022, and effective on February 14, 2022. The City Council significantly amended the Charter through Ordinance 2024-69-E, enacted on March 26, 2024, and effective on April 9, 2024, including a requirement that the purchase of any real property in excess of \$100 be approved through a ballot process conducted by the Supervisor of Elections and a requirement that the BCID Board of Supervisors be elected through a process conducted by the Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor of Elections, however, cannot conduct either such process, necessitating the present amendments. In addition to correcting these provisions, the bill amends the Charter to reduce the number of At-Large Supervisors from three to one after the Initial Board, mandates that at least one Supervisor be an owner or designated representative of an owner of a commercial property within the BCID, and shifts the means of selecting Supervisors from election by qualified electors to appointment by the District Council Member with confirmation by City Council. The nature of the emergency identified in the bill is to remove the provisions involving the Supervisor of Elections prior to the qualification period in June.

Policy Impact Area: Dependent Special Districts

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

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