



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

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Meeting Date:	August 1, 2018		Item Type: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
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Fiscal Impact: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X			X		
			Public Hearing: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Yes	No
					X		
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
						X	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi Judicial: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
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Project Number :	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	N/A			
Contract/P.O. Required: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>				
		X					
			Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
			Vibrant Appeal <input type="checkbox"/>				
Sponsor Name:	Mayor Keith S. London		Department: City Attorney	Jennifer Merino, City Attorney			

Short Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE VIII "FALSE CLAIMS ORDINANCE" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 19 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," TO CREATE ARTICLE V "FALSE CLAIMS" PROVIDING FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR THOSE THAT REPORT FALSE CLAIMS AND SPECIFYING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

Like many governmental entities, the City of Hallandale Beach has a False Claims Ordinance. Ideally, these ordinances provide a mechanism for discouraging vendors from submitting false invoices or other claims to the City for payment. Generally they allow for third parties with knowledge of a false claim to pursue civil action to recoup public funds.

However, upon a review of the city's existing False Claims Ordinance, conducted pursuant to a request of Mayor Keith London, it was noted that the City's version is extremely limited. In addition to streamlining and updating the ordinance, the attached revision of the False Claims Ordinance will relocate the section so that there is no debate that it applies to more than merely construction projects. Further, it incorporates protections for employees that cooperate with an investigation of a false claim. This encourages employees to openly and completely cooperate without fear of retaliation.

Proposed Action:

Consideration of the attached ordinance.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance