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Public Hearing

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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FROM: Sheena Ferguson, Manager, Business Development Division
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DATE: June 24, 2025

RE: Public Hearing for Board Meeting on July 15, 2025 – to consider amendments to Article III, Division 4 of Chapter 17 and to consider the creation of Division 6 of Article III of Chapter 17 of the Orange County Code

I. EXPLANATION & SUMMARY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to formalize the suspension of the Minority Women Business Enterprise program that was enacted by Resolution on July 1, 2025 and provide for the creation of a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program. The SBE program will provide per project goals that should be met in those solicitations where certified SBE firms are available to provide goods and services to the County and will provide for direct award of contracts to certified SBE firms for certain contracts that fall below the formal solicitation threshold.

II. ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Procurement of Business Enterprise Goods, Services and Supplies in Orange County, Florida; Suspending Chapter 17, Article III, Division 4 "Minority/Women Business Enterprise Ordinance" and any Regulations or Committees Associated Therewith; Creating Chapter 17, Article III, Division 6 "Small Business Enterprise"; and Providing an Effective Date.

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Re: Public Hearing (July 15, 2025)

Small Business Enterprise Ordinance

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Attachment

c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator
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