Public Hearing
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Amending Article V, Chapter 2 to add Section 2-176, pertaining to Orange County Research & Development Authority

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Research & Development Authority

- BCC created the Research and Development Authority in 1980 pursuant to Chapter 159, Fla. Stat.
- Established to develop & operate the Central Florida Research Park in cooperation with UCF
- Initially categorized as a **dependent** special district under Chapter 189 F.S. (1989)

Research & Development Authority

- Chapter 189 subsequently amended definition of dependent special district such that its members are subject to removal ***at will***
- However Chapter 159 provides that members of the authority may be removed for misfeasance, malfeasance, or willful neglect of duty -***not at will***.

Research & Development Authority

- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has requires the enabling ordinance reflect the correct status.
- Authority request amendment to the enabling ordinance acknowledging Authority's status as an **independent** special district consistent with Chapter 189 F.S.

Action Requested

Approval of an Ordinance pertaining to the Orange County Research and Development Authority amending Article V, Section 2 of the Orange County Code; adding Section 2-176 to the Orange County Code to reflect the Authority's status as an independent special district.

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