



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATEⁱ

Date: February 09, 2024

I. Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference: Proposed ordinance amending Hernando County Code Chapter 2, Article V, to modify thresholds for approval and execution of contracts and local bidder preference, exclude cybersecurity-related items from the applicability of Chapter 2, Article V, and to provide for competitive solicitation protests.

II. The Proposed Ordinance XX **does** **does not fall under one of the following enumerated exceptions:**ⁱⁱ

- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the county government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☒ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

III. Summary of Proposed Ordinance and Statement of Public Purpose to be Served:

The proposed ordinance amends Hernando County Code, Chapter 2, Article V, known as the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance, to divide it into Divisions 1 and 2; Division 1 will be the current Article V but with a modifications to threshold amounts for approval and execution of contracts and local bidder preference, and Division 2 will be a new section titled "Competitive Solicitation Protests".

If enacted, the chief procurement officer will have the authority to approve and execute contracts of less than \$50,000.00; the local bidder preference threshold will increase to \$50,000.00; and the procedure for bidders and potential bidders to protest Hernando County competitive solicitations will be clarified and streamlined. The Procurement Ordinance will be renumbered to accommodate the addition of Division 2.

IV. Estimate of Direct Economic Impact on Private/For Profit Businesses:

- a. Estimate of Direct Business Compliance Costs: None. The proposed ordinance is procedural in nature and will not regulate any businesses.
- b. New Charges/Fees on Businesses Impacted: None. The proposed ordinance is procedural in nature and will not regulate any businesses.
- c. Estimate of Regulatory Costs: None. The proposed ordinance is procedural in nature and will not regulate any businesses.

V. Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted: None. The proposed ordinance is procedural in nature and will not regulate any businesses.

VI. Any Additional Information: None.

VII. No Admission or Waiver: Please be advised that by promulgating this Business Impact Estimate, Hernando County admits neither that Fla. Stat. § 125.66(3) requires the preparation of a business impact estimate for the proposed ordinance, nor that the proposed ordinance, if enacted, can be challenged pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 125.675.

ⁱ Business impact statement must be posted on the county's website no later than the date that the legal advertisement of the hearing to consider the proposed ordinance is published.

ⁱⁱ Fla. Stat. § 125.66(3)(c) (2023).