



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE¹

Date: July 19, 2024

I. Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, DIVISIONS I-VI, OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO IMPACT FEES; SECTION 23-46 (FIRE/EMS), 23-91(PUBLIC CAPITAL FACILITIES-LAW ENFORCEMENT)-, 23-114 (PARKS), AND 23-69 (EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES), AND 23-138 (ROADS).

II. The Proposed Ordinance does XX does not fall under one of the following enumerated exceptions:²

- 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 Legislature finds that impact fees are an important source of revenue for a local government to use in funding the infrastructure necessitated by new growth. Section 163.31801, F.S. This Ordinance provides a schedule of rates related to impact fees for Fire/EMS, Public Facilities, Parks and Educational facilities by using the most recent and localized data available.

There is a rational nexus between future growth, as measured by new construction, and the need to expand the Fire Rescue System, Public Facilities, Parks and Roads through the acquisition and construction of new Buildings, apparatus, equipment, and other Infrastructure to maintain the standards of service currently provided by the County and accommodate growth. This Ordinance serves a public purpose and the public health, safety, morals and welfare by managing growth and providing a means to provide the necessary public facilities and imposition of impact fees to fund the capital cost of facilities necessitated by such development, thereby requiring future growth to contribute its fair share of the costs necessary to fund required capital improvements and additions consistent with sound and generally accepted growth management, fiscal and public administration practices and principles.

¹ 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.

² Fla. Stat. § 125.66(3)(c) (2023).

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

- a. Estimate of Direct Business Compliance Costs: No direct compliance costs.
- b. New Charges/Fees on Businesses Impacted: For businesses seeking to develop land or make improvements to real property, the fees will be increased as proposed in the schedules attached .
- c. Estimate of Regulatory Costs: None. The proposed ordinance does not impose any regulatory cost.

V. Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted: Indeterminate. Any business that develops or makes improvement to real property will be impacted by this Ordinance.

VI. Any Additional Information: The general rule is that the new or increased impact fee rates shall apply to all building permits and certificates of use issued after the stated effective date of the Ordinance (attached to Ordinance and available on [HernandoCountyfl.Legistar](#)).

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.