



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE¹

Date: April 25, 2025

I. Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HERNANDO COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE XII, (REGULATION OF THE USE OF FERTILIZERS CONTAINING NITROGEN AND/OR PHOSPHORUS, TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS TO MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS CAUSED BY THE MISUSE OF FERTILIZERS) TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN SECTION 25-506 (DEFINITIONS); TO AMEND SECTION 28-509 (TIMING OF FERTILIZER APPLICATION); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Amending Section 28-509 Timing of Fertilizer Application

At the March 25, 2025, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, a proposed amendment to Section 28-509 of Chapter 28 was discussed. A public hearing was requested to revise the allowable time frame for fertilizer application. The proposed change would replace the current application periods—December 15 through March 15 and June 1 through September 30—with a new schedule: **October 1 -through March 31.**

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 economic impact is anticipated because of the proposed Ordinance amendment to Section 28-509 of Chapter 28 only revises the application timeframe.
- b. New Charges/Fees on Businesses Impacted: None Anticipated. See above.
- c. Estimate of Regulatory Costs: None Anticipated. See above.

V. Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted:

Undetermined.

VI. Any Additional Information:

N/A

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.