

Business Impact Estimate

Directions: Pursuant to Fla. Stat. s. 125.66(3)(c), as most recently amended by Ch. 2024-145, Laws of Florida, the County is required to prepare a Business Impact Statement for a range of ordinances. A list of ordinance exemptions is provided below. Please check all exemption boxes that apply to the proposed ordinance and provide the name/title/date where indicated below.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- 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 municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Fla. Stat. s. 163.3164;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application submitted by a private party other than the municipality;
 - c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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Regardless of whether any of the boxes are checked, Include this completed page in the agenda packet.

If none of the boxes above are checked, complete the attached Business Impact Statement, and include the completed Business Impact Statement as part of the agenda package. The completed Statement must be posted on the County's web site not later than the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with s. 125.66(3)(c), Florida Statutes. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

ORDINANCE TITLE

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX OF ONE-HALF CENT ON CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS OCCURRING WITHIN HERNANDO COUNTY FROM WHICH TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF FLA. STAT. CHAPTER 212, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF THE SURTAX'S REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR A PERFORMANCE AUDIT; PROVIDING FOR A CITIZEN OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE SUNSET OF THE ORDINANCE AND FOR THE SURVIVAL OF SPECIFIED RESTRICTED USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE SUMMARY *(must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, or welfare):*

The ordinance, if enacted and approved by the voters, would authorize Hernando County to levy a one-half cent sales tax for the purpose of funding “the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office’s acquisition of law enforcement infrastructure, as defined by law, to include, but not be limited to, body-worn cameras,” as authorized by Fla. Stat. § 212.055(2). The surtax will be effective for five years (January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031) and will be distributed to the County and the City of Brooksville pursuant to the applicable statutory formula.

ESTIMATE OF THE DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY, IF ANY:

Residents, tourists, commuters from other Counties, and businesses all pay Sales Tax within Hernando County. An estimated 25% to 35% of the proposed sales tax would be paid by non-residents, which helps minimize the burden of these costs to Hernando County property owners. The cost of a one-half cent sales tax to individual households varies based on household size, income, and spending habits. That being said, this local government infrastructure surtax is only levied on the first \$5,000 of each purchase. Therefore, the maximum cost for any major purchase (automobile, boat, jewelry, construction materials, etc) is capped at \$25.00 per transaction.

ESTIMATE OF DIRECT COMPLIANCE COSTS THAT BUSINESSES MAY REASONABLY INCUR:

It is not anticipated that the imposition of the surtax will impose any additional compliance costs beyond those that businesses already incur in collecting the state's sales tax.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW CHARGES/FEES IMPOSED BY THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OR FOR WHICH BUSINESSES WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE:

None.

ESTIMATE OF THE COUNTY'S REGULATORY COSTS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED REVENUES FROM ANY NEW CHARGES OR FEES TO COVER SUCH COSTS:

None.

GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

All retail businesses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE GOVERNING BODY DEEMS USEFUL (IF ANY):

None.