

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 REGARDING COMMUNITY APPEARANCE REGULATIONS; REPEALING AND REPLACING HERNANDO COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 10, COMMUNITY APPEARANCE.

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

An ordinance regarding community appearance regulations; repealing and replacing Hernando County code chapter 10, community appearance; providing for prospective application; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code; providing for the repeal of conflicting provisions. Ordinance includes provisions clarification of existing standards and new regulations as it relates to Landscape, Buffers, Tree Mitigation and Conservation, protection of Specimen and Majestic Trees and penalties for violation of prescribed regulations.

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

The new and revised ordinance would require developers to provide additional plant material and preserve additional lands in their developments in order to meet the new standards.

ESTIMATE OF DIRECT COMPLIANCE COSTS THAT BUSINESSES MAY REASONABLY INCUR:

This would vary from project to project.

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

The new and revised ordinance would impose additional regulations in order to comply with new Hernando County Development standards. These new changes will impose new process that may require additional application cost and fees for violations for failed compliance.

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

Any potential revenue from the new changes will be solely based on new changes which may include new application process, new inspections and fees for code citations. Potential revenue would be based on development trends and compliance, although any funds obtained for for inspections are for services provided.

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

National and Local single family and commercial developers.

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

Chapter 10 has lacked a significant rewrite and/or update in more than two decades. The recent and extensive rewrite/update is in order to meet new technology practices, development trends and new environmental data. Furthermore, meet the growing needs of Hernando County.