

Hardee County
Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the County's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 15 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION" TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR FIRE PREVENTION; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FINES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes.

Question 1. Does the proposed ordinance meet one or more of the exceptions listed below? If so, then please check the applicable exception below and move to Question 2. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the County is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes, for the proposed ordinance. If there is no applicable exception, proceed with completing the business impact estimate at Question 3.

- 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 local 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 section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under sections 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the County;

- 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.

Question 2. Based on the exception you selected above and in accordance with the provisions of the controlling law, please provide an explanation below of why the ordinance meets the exception(s).

This ordinance sets forth Hardee County's rules and regulations intended to control fire hazards; regulate the installation, use, testing, and maintenance of equipment; regulate the use of structures, premises, and open areas; provide for the abatement of fire hazards, establish responsibilities and the procedures for code enforcement; and setting for the standards for compliance and achievement of these regulations with the objective of improving public safety.

Question 3. If there is no applicable exception, proceed with completing the below Business Impact Estimate. In accordance, the County hereby publishes the following information:

- A. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the County):

Exempt as Noted Above.

- B. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any:

Exempt as Noted Above.

- C. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

Exempt as Noted Above.

- D. Additional information the governing body deems useful (what steps did the County take to answer A, B, and C?):

Exempt as Noted Above.