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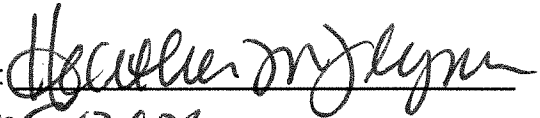
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COUNTY OF MARION
PREPARED BY HEATHER FLYNN:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Heather Flynn, who on oath says that they are the Legal Services Manager of Marion County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement Notice Of Public Hearing By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Marion County, Florida To Consider A Land Development Code Amendment Related To Article 1, Administration, Division 2, Definitions for Monday, May 18, 2026 was published on the publicly accessible website, MarionFL.org/LegalNotices, of Marion County, Florida on May 4, 2026.

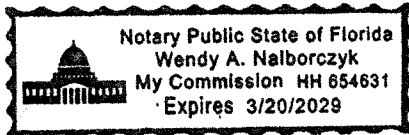
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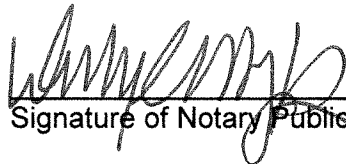
Business Impact Estimate published with the advertisement and attached.

THIS SECTION PREPARED BY NOTARY:

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 4th day of May, 2026, by Heather Flynn who is: personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.



Notary Public Stamp


Signature of Notary Public.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER A LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO ARTICLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 2, DEFINITIONS

Post Date: 05/04/2026 8:00 AM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) AS SPECIFIED BELOW:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) RELATED TO ARTICLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 2, DEFINITIONS

The public hearing will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter**, as may be heard. The meeting will be held at **McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium at 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL, 34471**, to for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment related to Marion County Land Development Code (LDC), Article 1, in Marion County, Florida, providing for revisions to Division 2, Definitions related to trees.

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners shall receive and consider public comment regarding the proposed LDC amendment in this public hearing, the third, pursuant to Florida Statutes and the LDC. All interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed land development code amendments. The proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Growth Services Department Planning and Zoning Division, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida, (352) 438-2600. Visit www.marioncountyfl.org and click on the meetings tab on the homepage for the most up to date information.

If reasonable accommodations of a disability are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator/HR Director at (352) 438-2345 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the hearing, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal a decision of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Effective October 1, 2023, a Florida legislative act relating to local ordinances, amending F.S.125.66(3)(a), requires a Business Impact Statement to be prepared by the governing body of a county before the enactment of a proposed ordinance in accordance with the provisions of F.S., the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) must be published on the County's website and must include certain information, such as a summary of the proposed ordinance, including a statement of the public purpose, an estimate of the direct economic impact, and a good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted, and any additional information the governing body determines may be useful. In accordance to F.S. 125.66(3)(a), a number of ordinances are exempt from complying with the business impact statement. Marion County's business impact estimates are posted on the Marion County website under Public Relations at: www.MarionFL.org/BIE. You can find the Business Impact Estimate for this particular notice **here**.

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Business Impact Estimate

In accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., a Business Impact Estimate (BIE) is required to be: 1) prepared before enacting certain ordinances and 2) posted on Marion County Board of County Commissioners' website no later than the date the notice proposed enactment/notice of intent to consider the proposed ordinance, is advertised in the newspaper (which, per Section 125.66(2)(a), F.S., is ten (10) days before the Public Hearing).

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means that the Marion County Board of County Commissioners is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance.

Notwithstanding, Marion County is preparing this BIE to prevent an inadvertent procedural issue from impacting the enactment of this proposed Ordinance. Marion County reserves the right to revise this BIE following its initial posting and to discontinue providing this information for proposed ordinances believed to be exempt under state law.

- 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. 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*.

Consistent with the posting requirement set forth in Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., the County hereby publishes the following BIE information for this proposed ordinance on its website for public viewing and consideration on this **4th day of May 2026**: (Date being published)

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare): **The proposed ordinance amends the Land Development Code to update and clarify definitions related to trees by refining and standardizing the terminology used for various tree classifications. The revisions clearly distinguish between different types to ensure consistent interpretation and application of the code by property owners, developers, and County staff. These clarifications are intended to eliminate ambiguity, improve administrative efficiency, and support uniform enforcement of tree-related regulations. Accurate and well-defined tree classifications support effective environmental protection, enhance community aesthetics, and facilitate responsible land development. By improving clarity and reducing confusion, the ordinance helps prevent disputes, supports compliance, and ensures that tree preservation and replacement requirements are applied equitably, thereby advancing the overall welfare of the community.**

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in unincorporated Marion County, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible;

(c) An estimate of Marion County regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

This ordinance establishes new definitions to clarify different classifications of trees that should not have a direct economic impact but could have a financial impact on how private, for-profit businesses develop their property.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: **Unknown at this time, however, there are over 14,000 businesses in Marion County.**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): **Proposed changes to the definitions of different classifications of trees provides clarity in terminology.**