



Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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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).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE MARION COUNTY CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL; AMENDING SECTION 4-1, PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 4-2, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 4-4, ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DESIGNATION AND EMPOWERMENT; SECTION 4-5, ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S IMMUNITY; SECTION 4-6, ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; SECTION 4-7, IMPOUNDING AUTHORITY OF OFFICERS; SECTION 4-8, LICENSURE, EXEMPTIONS, REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 4-10, MANDATORY MICROCHIPPING; AMENDING SECTION 4-12, DOMESTIC ANIMALS CREATING A NUISANCE; AMENDING SECTION 4-13, HUMANE TREATMENT; AMENDING SECTION 4-14, ANIMALS IN MOTOR VEHICLES OR VESSELS; AMENDING SECTION 4-15, ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY; AMENDING SECTION 4-16, COUNTY TO MAINTAIN LIST OF PERSONS PRESENTLY ENJOINED FROM POSSESSING ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION 4-17, IMPOUNDMENT, REDEMPTION AND ADOPTION; AMENDING SECTION 4-18, LOCATION OF THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS; AMENDING SECTION 4-19, REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE OF DOGS AND CATS; AMENDING SECTION 4-20, COMMUNITY CAT INITIATIVE; AMENDING SECTION 4-21, SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 4-22, DAMAGE BY DOGS; AMENDING SECTION 4-23, ATTACK OR BITE BY UNCLASSIFIED DOG THAT CAUSES DEATH; AMENDING SECTION 4-24, ATTACK OR BITE BY UNCLASSIFIED DOG THAT CAUSES SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH; AMENDING SECTION 4-25, ATTACK OR BITE BY DANGEROUS DOG; AMENDING SECTION 4-26, DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES TO MAINTAIN LIST OF DOGS CLASSIFIED AS DANGEROUS; AMENDING

SECTION 4-27, PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 4-28, IRRESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNER; AMENDING SECTION 4-29, KENNEL LICENSES; FOR PROVIDING FOR RE-NUMBERING OF SECTIONS NECESSITATED BY CREATION OF THE NEW SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 22nd day of November, 2024:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare): **This Proposed Ordinance of The Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, Amending Several Sections of Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code Relating to Animal Control.**

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: **This ordinance imposes minimal direct costs on businesses.**

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible: **No new charges or fees are established under the ordinance.**

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

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: **Indeterminate.**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): **The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (individuals as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses.**