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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 Marion County Board of County Commissioners to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance for Tuesday, July 21, 2026 was published on the publicly accessible website, MarionFL.org/LegalNotices, of Marion County, Florida on July 10, 2026. Affiant further says that the website complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

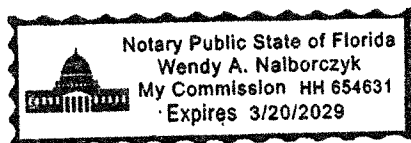
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Date: 07.10.26

☒ Business Impact Estimate published with the advertisement and attached.

THIS SECTION PREPARED BY NOTARY:

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 10th day of July, 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 MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Post Date: 07/10/2026 8:00 AM

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter, as may be heard. The meeting will be held at the **McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium, 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida**, to consider approval and adoption of a proposed ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ARTICLE VI, LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND OF THE MARION COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 17-293, PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 17-295, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 17-297, ASSESSMENT; AMENDING SECTION 17-298, COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed Ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Marion County Attorney's Office, 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida, 34471, Telephone (352) 438-2330.

If reasonable accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the ADA Coordinator/HR Director at least forty-eight(48) hours in advance at (352) 438-2345, 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 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 **10th day of July, 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 Marion County Local Provider Participation Fund Ordinance to update the assessment structure associated with certain Medicaid supplemental payment programs administered through private hospital assessments. The proposed ordinance addresses potential hospital exemptions associated with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") waiver requests and authorizes the use of assessment proceeds for additional Medicaid supplemental payment programs authorized by CMS. The ordinance serves the public health, safety, and welfare by supporting the continued administration and funding of Medicaid supplemental payment programs that assist hospitals providing services to Medicaid, indigent, uninsured, and low-income residents in Marion County**

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.

The proposed ordinance amends the County's local provider participation program to address potential hospital exemptions associated with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) waiver requests and to authorize the use of assessment proceeds for additional Medicaid supplemental payment programs approved by CMS that may be available to eligible local private hospitals in Marion County.

The ordinance authorizes Marion County to annually impose a uniform non-ad valorem special assessment on local private hospital properties to fund the nonfederal share of certain Medicaid supplemental payment programs administered by the State of Florida. The amount of the assessment will be established annually by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and may vary from year to year. Adoption of the annual assessment resolution may have an economic impact on affected private, for-profit hospitals based on the assessment amount approved by the Board.

To offset administrative costs associated with implementation of the program, the County may use proceeds from the Local Provider Participation Fund to reimburse administrative costs associated with program implementation.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: **Five private hospitals are impacted by the proposed ordinance.**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):