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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 THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) RELATED TO ARTICLE 6, DIVISION 13, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 6.13.9, GRADING CRITERIA

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 **28th day of July 2025**: (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): **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) RELATED TO SECTION 6.13.9 GRADING CRITERIA TO UPDATE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARCELS AND LOTS WITHOUT A COUNTY APPROVED GRADING PLAN, REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATIONS ABOVE BASE FLOOD AND MANAGEMENT OF STORMWATER RUNOFF DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION.**

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; **A grade survey for a lot typically ranges from \$500 to \$1,200 and a lot grading plan typically ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Therefore, the increased cost of compliance for building on a lot 75 feet wide or less is expected to be between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per lot depending on whether a lot grading plan is needed.**

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; **There are no new fees imposed.**

(c) An estimate of Marion County regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs. **There are no regulatory costs and no revenues will be generated for Marion County.**

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: **The Marion County Building Industry Association (MCBIA) lists 79 residential building contractors. However, not all contractors licensed in Marion County are necessarily members of MCBIA.**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): **The proposed ordinance requires limiting use of fill material on lots 75 feet wide and less. A lot grade survey would be required from the builder to check that County requirements have been met. Deviations from County lot grading criteria would require the builder to submit and follow a lot grading plan.**