



## 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, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "MARION COUNTY HEALTH FREEDOM BILL OF RIGHTS"; PROVIDING FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR CHAPTER 381, FLORIDA STATUTES IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD HEALTHCARE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS; REJECTING THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO IMPOSE HEALTH MANDATES OR DIRECTIVES WITHIN MARION COUNTY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN; ADOPTING THE FLORIDA PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIONS FOR MARION COUNTY EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING THAT MASKS AND VACCINATIONS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED OF EMPLOYEES AND PERSONS SEEKING ACCESS TO COUNTY BUILDINGS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING MARION COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 381, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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): **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY FLORIDA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “MARION COUNTY HEALTH FREEDOM BILL OF RIGHTS”; PROVIDING FOR THE BOARD’S SUPPORT FOR CHAPTER 381, FLORIDA STATUTES IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD HEALTHCARE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS; REJECTING THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO IMPOSE HEALTH MANDATES OR DIRECTIVES WITHIN MARION COUNTY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN; ADOPTING THE FLORIDA PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIONS FOR MARION COUNTY EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING THAT MASKS AND VACCINATIONS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED OF EMPLOYEES AND PERSONS SEEKING ACCESS TO COUNTY BUILDINGS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING MARION COUNTY’S ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 381, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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 provides for Marion County assistance regarding compliance with Ch. 381, Fla. Stat. It imposes no 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, independent of the State Statute;** and
- (c) An estimate of Marion County regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs. **Estimate of less than \$10,000/year for Marion County Staff time. 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: **Indeterminate. Again, the obligations are created by state statutes, rather than the ordinance.**

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): **The Goal of Ch. 381, and this ordinance, is the encourage compliance with the requirements of the statute. Fines and penalties are not the main purpose of the statute.**