

## **Business Impact Estimate Directions**

The Business Impact Estimate Form, attached to these directions must be filled out at the time of drafting of any proposed ordinance, unless the proposed ordinance is on the exemption list below. The completed Business Impact Estimate must be posted on the County's website at the time the advertisement for the proposed ordinance is published.

The following proposed ordinances are exempt and do not require a Business Impact Estimate:

1. Ordinances required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
2. Ordinances relating to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
3. Ordinances relating to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
4. Ordinances 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 a county government;
5. Emergency Ordinances;
6. Ordinances relating to procurements; or
7. Ordinances enacted to implement the following:
  - a. Part II of chapter 163, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements, and development permits;
  - b. §§ 190.005 and 190.046, Fla. Stat. Community Development Districts;
  - c. § 553.73, Fla. Stat. relating to the Florida Building Code; or
  - d. § 633.202, Fla. Stat. relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Legal citation: § 125.66(3) (a) – (c), Fla. Stat. and § 166.041(4)(a)-(c), Fla. Stat.

**BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM**

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This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL; REPEALING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Part I.**

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose<sup>1</sup>:

The proposed ordinance relating to animal control amends definitions; provides clarity for procedures related to impoundment; prohibits the keeping of potential rabies carriers with exceptions consistent with state and federal law; prohibits animals running at large; prohibits animals as public nuisances; requires humane care of animals; prohibits abandonment of animals; prohibits fighting or baiting animals; revises enforcement policies and procedures; provides additional detail regarding the form of citation; revises provisions regarding fees administered by the animal control department; and revises inconsistent provisions related to impoundment codified in the section of the code related to dangerous animals.

**Part II.**

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County: *(fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write "N/A")*

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

This Ordinance is not anticipated to have any impact on business.

<sup>1</sup> Address the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the County.

- b. Identification of any new charges or fees on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

Charges and fees for violation of the ordinance have been revised as follows:

<u>Code Section</u>	<u>Description of Violation</u>	<u>1st Violation</u>	<u>2nd Violation</u>	<u>3rd Violation and Thereafter</u>
8-23	<u>Obstructing enforcement</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
8-27	<u>Running at large</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
8-27	<u>Failure to confine dog or cat in estrus</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
8-28	<u>Public nuisance prohibited</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
8-29	<u>Humane care required</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Mandatory court appearance</u>	
8-30	<u>Abandonment of an animal</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$500.00 and mandatory court appearance</u>	
8-63	<u>Violations which result in the destruction or loss of personal property</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Mandatory court appearance</u>
8-63	<u>Violations which result in the unprovoked, biting, wounding or attacking of a domestic animal or person</u>	<u>\$450.00 (person)</u> <u>\$250.00 (animal)</u>	<u>Mandatory court appearance</u>	
8-63	<u>Violations of any provision pertaining to a dangerous or vicious animal which does not result in injury to a person or domestic animal.</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>Mandatory court appearance</u>	
8-63	<u>Violations of any provision pertaining to dangerous or vicious animals which does result injury to a person or domestic animal.</u>	<u>Mandatory court appearance</u>		
8-26	<u>Animal not current on rabies vaccinations.</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
8-26	<u>Animal not displaying rabies tag.</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>

- c. An estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

The County's regulatory costs are expected to increase as animal control officers must be hired in order to enforce new provisions of the ordinance. Revenues are also expected to increase as new violations, if enforced and complied with, may provide new revenue for the animal control department.

**Part III.**

Good Faith Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

No businesses are expected to be impacted by the ordinance.