



Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the County's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

ORDINANCE 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 – ANIMALS; REPEALING SECTION 14-45 BY DELETING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS AND AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FEEDING OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the County is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the County is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- ☐ 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 county 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;

¹ See Section 125.66(3)(c), Florida Statutes.

- 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.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the County hereby publishes the following information:

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 removes the licensing requirement for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The licensing requirement is no longer needed given the alternative tracking options for vaccination status. Animal Services will be promoting pet microchipping as an alternative to increase pet retention and prevent lost pets within the community. The feeding of cats and dogs in the ordinance is meant to reduce indiscriminate feeding of animals. Overall the ordinance will provide for more efficient public services, thus promoting the general economic welfare of the people of Volusia County.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

There is expected to be no direct compliance costs for businesses. After the changes, an action formerly required (payment of the licensing fee) will no longer be required, removing the current cost to comply.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

There will be no new charges or fees imposed by the proposed ordinance.

(c) An estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

There are no new regulatory costs that will be incurred with the passage of this ordinance.

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

The estimated businesses that may be impacted by the proposed ordinance are 22 veterinary clinics which were provided tags for issuance by the County.

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

N/A