



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.

Proposed ordinance's Ordinance Number and Short Title:

ORDINANCE 2025-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, BY AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 46 – EMERGENCY SERVICES, ARTICLE III EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION, BY AMENDING SECTION 46-81 "DEFINITIONS"; BY AMENDING SEC. 46-90 "MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD"; BY AMENDING SEC. 46-92 "CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (COPCN)"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PR

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:

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

- 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.

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 Emergency Medical Administration division is proposing changes to chapter 46, article III, Volusia County Code of Ordinances. There are three recommended changes as well as administrative edits and updates. Primary changes proposed include: the elimination of the medical advisory board; extending the certificate of public convenience and necessity (CoPCN) renewal and voluntary surrender threshold from 120 days to 180 days; and allowing administrative renewal of existing CoPCNs providing there is no substantive change in service.

Medical advisory board member participation has waned over the years and often fails to achieve the quorum required for discussion and action. The board is comprised of the county medical director, the emergency department director from each hospital located in Volusia County, the medical director for the Florida Department of Health-Volusia, the medical examiner, and a representative from the Volusia Medical Society. The dissolution of the board is not intended to exclude or otherwise distance the represented organizations from the County. The change is intended to increase efficiency and will be replaced by informal interactions with these organizations at a regular cadence.

The extension of renewal and voluntary surrender of CoPCNs is intended to ensure the County has a reasonable window to address potential gaps in service. This change represents a proactive posture by the County for addressing these changes if they occur.

The allowance for an administrative renewal of existing CoPCNs is a proposed efficiency. Under this change, an existing provider's certificate would be eligible for administrative renewal by the division providing there is no substantive change in proposed delivery of services. This allowance is anticipated to reduce requisite council action through public hearings for renewals proposing static or near static service levels. This change does not dilute council authority specific to issuance of a CoPCN.

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;
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
- (c) An estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

Aside from recuperating a modest amount of staff time in coordinating and planning meetings, there is no foreseeable fiscal impact on the county or system stakeholders with the proposed elimination of the medical advisory board. The board neither directed nor recommended fee structures adopted by the county.

The proposed changes to the certificate of public convenience and necessity (CoPCN) section of the ordinance, in particular the removal of the prohibition of CoPCNs for interfacility transfers allows contracting services with private services to provide limited interfacility ambulance transfers that terminate outside of Volusia County.

The proposed change providing for an administrative renewal of existing CoPCNs is designed to leverage efficiencies when renewal of unchanged or otherwise customary services is sought. While no fees are associated with renewals, administrative fees associated with legal advertisements will provide the county with nominal savings.

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

The proposed elimination of the medical advisory board is anticipated to have zero impact on businesses as the board provided only 'advisory' functions to the legislatively-mandated medical director.

As it relates to the proposed changes under the certificate of public convenience and necessity (CoPCN), the change will expand the eligibility of private ambulances to seek a CoPCN. It also brings the ordinance in line with private services recently contracted by the county to provide interfacility ambulance transfer previously prohibited by ordinance.

The administrative renewal option has zero impact as the county does not have a fee associated with renewals.

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

[You may wish to include in this section the methodology or data used to prepare the Business Impact Estimate. For example: County staff solicited comments from businesses in the County as to the potential impact of the proposed ordinance by contacting the chamber of commerce, social media posting, direct mail or direct email, posting on County website, public workshop, etc. You may also wish to include efforts made to reduce the potential fiscal impact on businesses. You may also wish to state here that the proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (individuals as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses].

The dissolution on the medical advisory board has zero impact on private business. Relationships with hospital partners within the community are established through various other mechanisms and those conduits will remain intact.

As it relates to CoPCN renewals, this modification streamlines that process and removes impediments previously established on interfacility ambulance transfers.