



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 - 19

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; AMENDING SECTION 14-31, AMENDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 14-32, AMENDING PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 14-42, AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF A DOG AS DANGEROUS, OWNER REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 14-43, TO ADD OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 14-47, TO AMEND PROPER ENCLOSURE; 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:

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

- a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and, development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243;
- b. Comprehensive Plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the county;
- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- e. 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 will amend sections of Chapter 14 regarding Dangerous Dogs to conform with the Florida Legislatures' updates to Sections 767.10 through 767.13, Florida Statutes. The amendments will include requiring (1) dogs subject to certain dangerous dog investigations be immediately confiscated, (2) the owner of a dog subject to a dangerous dog investigation provide certain information to an animal control authority, and (3) an animal shelter, a humane organization, or certain animal control agencies to provide specified information to potential adopters regarding dangerous dogs. The amend will also revise the conditions under which an owner is authorized to exercise a dangerous dog and the penalty for violations of the section.

The ordinance balances any owner's responsibility for the care of their animal with safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public who may come into contact with that dog.

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;

The proposed ordinance is not intended or anticipated to impact private, for-profit businesses in the County.

(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 for which businesses would be financially responsible.

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

There may be a minimal increase in regulatory costs to the extent Animal Services would now be required to hold additional dogs during an investigation. However, the current process is to confiscate most of the animals under investigation for public safety reasons.

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

The change in minimum insurance coverage will have no fiscal impact on local businesses.

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].