

eBusiness 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 CONFORMING REFERENCES TO ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION IN CHAPTER 8 OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 8-85 AND 8-86 OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

The proposed ordinance conforms all instances of “animal services division” to properly reference the Animal Control Department. The proposed ordinance repeals Sections 8-85 and 8-86 of the Code and replaces them with new Sections that establish a procedure consistent with Section 767.12, Florida Statutes. New Section 8-85 empowers the Animal Control Department to make an initial dangerous dog determination after receipt of any complaint, which determination can be appealed to the Animal Control Appeal Board. Revised Section 8-86 creates the three-member Animal Appeal Board consisting of one member knowledgeable in the area of animal behavior; one member with a law enforcement background; and one member licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida, all appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

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:

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

This Ordinance is not anticipated to have any impact on business. If any impact is felt, this Ordinance would have a positive economic impact on for-profit businesses involved in the appeal of a dangerous dog determination because the Ordinance eliminates court costs associated with an appeal and provides for appeals to be made to an animal control appeal board appointed by the BOCC instead of county court.

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

No charges or fees are part of the new ordinance.

- 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 decrease as staff time for hearings involving an appointed board will now only be necessary in the event of an appeal of a dangerous dog determination, not for every dangerous dog determination.

Part III.

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

Any business seeking to have a dog declared dangerous or to appeal a dangerous dog determination.