Business Impact Estimate

In accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., a Business Impact Estimate (BIE) is required to be: 1) prepared before enacting certain ordinances and 2) posted on Hillsborough County's website no later than the date the notice proposed enactment/notice of intent to consider the proposed ordinance, is advertised in the newspaper (which, per Section 125.66(2)(a), F.S., is ten (10) days before the Public Hearing).

Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND OTHER MICROMOBILITY DEVICES IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TITLE, "THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MICROMOBILITY ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF STATE OPERATIONAL, SAFETY, AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR COUNTY REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD/SPECIAL MAGISTRATES, CIVIL CITATIONS AND NOTICES TO APPEAR, IMPOUNDMENT, AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT FOR VIOLATIONS BY MINORS; PROVIDING FOR OTHER REMEDIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF LAWS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following types of ordinances are exempt from the BIE requirement under Section 125.66(3)(c), F.S. As such, if one or more boxes are checked below, Hillsborough County believes that a BIE is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance referenced above.

Notwithstanding, Hillsborough County is preparing this BIE to prevent an inadvertent procedural issue from impacting the enactment of this proposed Ordinance. Hillsborough County reserves the right to revise this BIE following its initial posting and to discontinue providing this information for proposed ordinances believed to be exempt under state law.

☐ 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 local government.
☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance.
☐ The ordinance relates to procurement.
☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

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.

Consistent with the posting requirement set forth in Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., the County hereby publishes the following BIE information for this proposed ordinance on its website for public viewing and consideration on this _____ day of _____, 202__:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare):
The proposed Ordinance regulates the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other micromobility devices within the County's jurisdiction. It establishes safety standards, operational requirements, and usage restrictions on County roadways, shoulders, sidewalks, multiuse paths or shared use paths, bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, and trails. The ordinance sets a maximum speed limit of 10 mph for devices operating on sidewalks, 15-mph limit for devices operating on shared paths or multiuse paths, and trails, and a 28-mph limit on roadways, shoulders, bike paths, and bike lanes.

The Ordinance establishes practical, enforceable operational standards to promote responsible device use. These measures protect public health, safety, and welfare by mitigating traffic conflicts and preventing serious injuries or fatalities on public roadways, shoulders. sidewalks, trails, bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, and shared or multiuse paths. To ensure compliance, law enforcement may issue notices of violations, citations, notices to appear, and criminal sanctions under State and County regulations. However, to foster community cooperation, this framework explicitly preserves officer discretion to conduct educational outreach and warnings to achieve voluntary compliance.

2. Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any:
(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
The proposed Ordinance will impose no direct economic impact on 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
Additionally, it will not impose any new charges or fees, or any such fee or charge in which businesses will 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.
The County's estimated regulatory costs will be minimal. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will enforce the proposed regulations, with supplemental assistance from the County's Code Enforcement Board and Special Magistrates to adjudicate violations.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:
No businesses will be impacted by implementing this ordinance.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):
None.