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 AMENDING HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND LAWS CHAPTER 14, ARTICLES II AND III; AMENDING SECTIONS 14-25, 14-65 AND 14-70 TO PROHIBIT ENFORCEMENT OF ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS, PENALIZE THE MISLEADING OF PUBLIC SERVANTS, PER STATE LAW, AND PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF DUTIES UPON A REFUSAL TO SIGN OFFICIAL NOTICES REQUIRING SIGNATURE; PROVIDING FOR RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF LAWS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF ORDINANCE; AND 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 purpose of the amendment is to establish safeguards within the code enforcement complaint process to deter its abuse or misuse. It creates accountability measures for individuals who knowingly submit false statements/misrepresentations in complaints and introduces sanctions for such conduct. The amendment is intended to discourage bad-faith complaints, prevent unfounded claims, avoid waste of County resources, and to serve public health, safety, and general welfare by ensuring that the complaint process is used responsibly.

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;
(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.

N/A

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

N/A

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