



Business Impact Estimate Form

This Business Impact Estimate Form is provided to document compliance with and exemption from the requirements of Sec. 125.66(3), Fla. Stat. If one or more boxes are checked below under “Applicable Exemptions”, this indicates that Okeechobee County has determined that Sec. 125.66(3), Fla. Stat., does not apply to the proposed ordinance and that a business impact estimate is not required by law. If no exemption is identified, a business impact estimate required by Sec. 125.66(3), Fla. Stat. will be provided in the “Business Impact Estimate” section below. In addition, even if one or more exemptions are identified, Okeechobee County may nevertheless choose to provide information concerning the proposed ordinance in the “Business Impact Estimate” section below. This Business Impact Estimate Form may be revised following its initial posting.

Proposed ordinance’s title/reference:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0005 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (ANIMALS) OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL PARCELS; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Applicable Exemptions:

- 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:
 - 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;
 - Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the county;

- Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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Okeechobee County hereby publishes the following information:

- 1. A 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 amends the animal control ordinance to allow backyard chickens on some residential properties, subject to certain conditions or criteria, including those below:

On residential lots with a single family detached house
 Limit of 6 chickens
 No roosters
 Chicken coop and chicken enclosure required
 Minimum setbacks from lot lines and adjoining residences established
 Maximum height established for chicken coop
 Requirements to properly maintain chicken coop and enclosure area
 Requirement to screen from adjoining roadways and properties
 Demonstrate understanding of regulations and ability to comply at time of application
 Provisions for dealing with violations, including possible revocation of the permit
 Permit required, fee of \$15.00
 No educational requirement proposed

- 2. An estimate of the 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 if the ordinance is enacted:**

None.

- (b) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible:**

None – The proposed \$15 permit fee relates only to chickens on specified

residential properties.

- (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:**

Regulatory costs are estimated to include costs associated with a small amount of staff time reviewing and approving applications. There will be no revenues from charges or fees imposed on businesses.

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

None, as the regulations relate only to chickens on specified residential properties.

4. **Additional information the governing body determines may be useful (if any):**

N/A

Note: Okeechobee County's provision of information in the Business Impact Estimate section above, notwithstanding an applicable exemption, shall not constitute a waiver of the exemption or an admission that a business impact estimate is required by law for the proposed ordinance. Okeechobee County's failure to check one or more exemptions below shall not constitute a waiver of the omitted exemption or an admission that the omitted exemption does not apply to the proposed ordinance under Sec. 125.66(3), Fla. Stat., Sec. 125.675, Fla. Stat., or any other relevant provision of law.