

Community & Veterans Services

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BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

In accordance with Section 125.66(3)(a), Florida Statutes, a Business Impact Estimate (BIE) is required to be prepared before enacting certain ordinances and posted on Manatee County's website no later than the date the notice of intent to consider the proposed ordinance is published (which, per Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, is 10 days before the public hearing).

Ordinance 25-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 2-4; TO ESTABLISH LIMITS AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE SALE OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MODIFICATOINS FOR CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following types of ordinances are exempt from the BIE requirement under Section 125.66(3)(c), Florida Statutes. As such, if one or more boxes are checked below, Manatee County believes that a BIE is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance referenced above. Manatee County reserves the right to revise this BIE following an initial posting. Notwithstanding, Manatee County is preparing this BIE to prevent an inadvertent procedural issue from impacting the enactment of this proposed Ordinance. Manatee 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. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. 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), Florida Statutes, the County hereby publishes the following BIE information for this proposed ordinance on its website for public viewing and consideration on this 3rd day of June 2025:

1. Summary of Proposed Ordinance, Including a Statement of the Public Purpose to be Served by the Proposed Ordinance, Such as Serving the Public Health, Safety, Morals, and Welfare of the County:

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 2-4 of the County Code to establish stronger regulations on the sale of animals. The ordinance is intended to protect animal welfare, public health, and community interests by addressing concerns about unsanitary and inhumane breeding practices. It includes new limits on retail pet sales, prohibits the opening of new pet stores, and introduces regulations for existing ones. The ordinance also aligns with federal standards but establishes stricter local rules, including enforcement provisions and penalties for violations. These updates build upon the previously adopted Ordinance 24-92, and expand oversight to improve consistency, accountability, and humane treatment of animals within Manatee County.

2. Estimate of Direct Economic Impact of 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:

There are no direct compliance costs anticipated for businesses as a result of this ordinance. The ordinance does not require any additional reporting,

equipment, staffing, or procedural changes that would impose a financial burden on affected businesses.

- a. Any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible:

There are no new charges or fees associated with this ordinance that would impact current businesses. All existing fee structures remain unchanged, and no additional financial obligations will be imposed as a result of the ordinance.

- b. 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:

Direct compliance costs to businesses are expected to be minimal. Businesses may need to engage in limited communication with the Manatee County Development Services Department regarding permits and conduct basic internet research to ensure ongoing compliance. These activities are estimated to require approximately one hour per month of a Field Supervisor's time, resulting in minimal labor costs. No significant expenditures on equipment, materials, or outside professional services are anticipated.

3. A Good Faith Estimate of the Number of Businesses Likely to be Impacted by the Ordinance:

At this time, it is unknown if any pet stores that sell dogs or cats are seeking to locate in Manatee County. Existing pet supply companies, which do not sell dogs or cats, are not regulated under this ordinance and therefore are not expected to be impacted.

4. Additional Information the Board Determines May be Useful:

N/A