

Development 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).

Proposed Ordinance Title

ORDINANCE 26-14

AN ORDINANCE OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ARTICLE II, CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATES, CHAPTER 2-7 MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING POWERS OF THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, ADMINISTRATIVE FINES; AND COSTS OF REPAIR; LIENS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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:

VACANT
District 1

AMANDA
BALLARD
District 2

TAL
SIDDIQUE
District 3

MIKE
RAHN
District 4

DR. BOB
MCCANN
District 5

JASON
BEARDEN
At Large

GEORGE W.
KRUSE
At Large

- 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 14th day of August 2026:

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 proposed Text Amendment revises two (2) sections of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances regulating Code Enforcement: Section 2-7-25, Powers of Special Magistrate; and Section 2-7-26, Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens.

Revisions to Section 2-7-25 would authorize the Special Magistrate to reduce fines that have accrued or been imposed pursuant to the Code of Ordinances or other applicable County regulations prior to the recordation of the fine into a lien. This amendment would also authorize the Special Magistrate to direct the removal of any uncivil or disruptive individuals from the proceedings.

Revisions to Section 2-7-26 would establish the process by which the Special Magistrate may recommend the reduction of a fine imposed pursuant to Section 2-7 to Board of County Commissioners for approval or denial.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 2-7 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances are expected to yield several positive operational, legal, and community impacts. These changes primarily clarify the authority of the Special Magistrate, formalize fine reduction procedures, and improve lien enforcement mechanisms.

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:

Private for-profit businesses will not incur any compliance costs.

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

There will be no charges or fees associated with this amendment.

- 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:

A \$50 fine reduction application filing fee will be associated with the proposed amendment. This fee will apply only to property owners with Code Enforcement violation fines who seek a reduction in the total assessed amount.

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

The proposed amendment does not impact businesses economically.

4. Additional Information the Board Determines May be Useful:

None.