

Development Services

Code Enforcement

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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 26-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING REGULATION OF SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES; CREATING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 2-21 OF THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; SETTING FORTH APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, AND REMEDIES; 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

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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 31st 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 ordinance prohibits the operation and use of simulated gambling devices in unincorporated Manatee County, consistent with Florida Statute 849. The ordinance is intended to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; reduce criminal activity associated with these establishments; promote lawful commerce; and provide clear local enforcement authority.

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:

Businesses that operate, host, lease, maintain, or otherwise profit from simulated gambling devices may incur compliance costs associated with the proposed ordinance, including the removal or disposal of machines, legal and compliance expenses, and potential contract modifications, as such activities are prohibited under Florida Statute 849. Businesses that do not engage in these activities are not expected to incur compliance costs.

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 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:

No new fees are proposed to recover these costs.

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

The ordinance is expected to directly impact a limited number of businesses that operate or support simulated gambling devices. Countywide economic impacts are expected to be minimal.

4. Additional Information the Board Determines May be Useful:

This ordinance includes enforcement mechanisms such as cease-and-desist orders, civil citations, injunctive relief, and potential misdemeanor prosecution.