**Hardee County**

**Business Impact Estimate**

*This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the County’s website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.*

Proposed ordinance’s title/reference:

Ordinance 2025-03

An ordinance imposing a five (5) cent local optional fuel tax upon every net gallon of motor fuel sold in Hardee County and taxed under the provisions of section 206.41 and section 336.025(1)(b), Florida Statutes; Providing that the imposition shall be effective for a period of ten (10) years, beginning January 1, 2026; Providing distribution, pursuant to the applicable interlocal agreement between Hardee County and Municipalities located therein representing a majority of the incorporated area population within the County; Providing for severability; and Providing for an effective date.

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes.

**Question 1.** Does the proposed ordinance meet one or more of the exceptions listed below? If so, then please check the applicable exception below and move to Question 2. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the County is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes, for the proposed ordinance. If there is no applicable exception, proceed with completing the business impact estimate at Question 3.

☐ 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; or

The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under sections 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes;

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.

**Question 2.** Based on the exception you selected above and in accordance with the provisions of the controlling law, please provide an explanation below of why the ordinance meets the exception(s).

**Question 3.** If there is no applicable exception, proceed with completing the below Business Impact Estimate. In accordance, the County hereby publishes the following information:

A. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include 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 imposes a five (5) cent local option fuel tax on every net gallon of motor fuel sold in Hardee County, as authorized by Sections 206.41 and 336.025(1)(b), Florida Statutes. The revenue generated from this fuel tax is intended to support transportation-related expenditures within the County, including roadway maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and other transportation needs. By improving transportation systems, the ordinance serves the public good and contributes to safer, more efficient travel for residents and visitors

B. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any:

(1) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted;

Businesses that sell fuel will need to collect, record, and remit the revenues. However, because this is a re-adoption of an existing ordinance, it is estimated that the compliance costs will be minimal.

(2) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

None- renewal of Gas Tax

(3) 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.

The state collects the revenue and then through revenue sharing the county receives their part. No new cost to businesses will be imposed.

(4) Any other direct economic impacts of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County that are not covered by (1), (2), or (3):

None

C. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

14 Businesses

D. Additional information the governing body deems useful (what steps did the County take to answer A, B, and C?):