

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.

Ordinance 2025-09

Amending Chapter 13 of the ULDC

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 municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ 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.

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).

n/a

Question 3. If there is no applicable exception, then this business impact estimate must be posted on the County's website by no later than the date the notice of the proposed ordinance enactment is published. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting. 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):

Amending the mining review process to provide flexibility in the number of copies of application and plans to be submitted, clarify when items must be submitted in the process, and to require the Hardee County Mining Department to house a map illustrating the phosphate mining status of properties located within the Phosphate Mining Overlay related to active mining and reclamation based on the information provided by the applicant;/operator indicated in the annual report.

The Board has determined that the adoption of the amendments is in the best interest of the County by providing flexible and efficient application processes and access to up to date mining status information.

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;

Costs to applicants will be lessened, and the County will bear any minimal costs associated with the keeping of the map.

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

No new fees or charges are proposed in the ordinance..

(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.

Regulatory costs will be minimal, associated with the cost of maintaining the Mining Status map.

(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):

No other identified economic impacts.

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

Currently there is only one mining company in the county. Financial impacts to that business will be primarily positive, reducing their overall costs of application.

D. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):