



Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the "set for public hearing" agenda item for ordinances, and must be posted on the County's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Ordinance title/reference:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ANIMAL CARE; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If any of the following exceptions to the Business Impact Estimate requirement apply, check the applicable box and leave the remainder of the form blank.

- The ordinance is required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
- The ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The 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 County;
- The ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as defined in Section 163.3164, and development agreements authorized under the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by application by a non-municipal private party;
 - c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare):

This Ordinance updates the animal care regulations to better protect the health, safety, and welfare of animals and the public and streamline operational processes within the Animal Care Division to reflect best-practices from the animal welfare community.

Specifically, this Ordinance:

- Revises definitions;
- Repeals the impoundment requirement for nuisance dogs and cats;
- Implements procedures for adopting found stray animals;
- Revises standards for the manner of keeping animals;
- Implements new regulations for pet traders and revises regulations for breeders and guard dog services;
- Requires that animals be microchipped and vaccinated before being redeemed by their owners;
- Expands the types of programs that can be implemented by the director;
- Updates the procedures for registering an animal;
- Revises procedures relating to aggressive dogs;
- Revises the requirements for reporting animal bites and complying with quarantine requirements;
- Establishes an appeals process for muzzle orders;
- Repeals the prohibition of animals in parks and on beaches;
- Revises civil penalties and fees for violations and authorizes liens for unpaid penalties;
- Modifies procedures for various trust funds to support animal care; and
- Enhances community cat management programs and trap-neuter-return initiatives.

2. Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in Broward County, including, if applicable:

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- b. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance; and
- c. Estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

Pet Traders will be required to obtain a \$500 annual permit to trade dogs or cats. It is estimated by the Public Works and Environmental Services Department that there are 23 Pet Traders in Broward County, which equates to \$11,500 in annual permit expenses for those businesses. The permit fees will increase the revenue to the County's General Fund by the same amount.

The Public Works and Environmental Services Department estimates that there will be no additional regulatory costs associated with the proposed ordinance.

3. Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

It is estimated by the Public Works and Environmental Services Department that there are 23 Pet Traders in Broward County.

4. Additional information (if any):