



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 ETHICS; AMENDING SECTION 1-19 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AMENDING SECTION 26-73 OF THE CODE; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; 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):

The proposed increases from \$5.00 to \$20.00 the value of food and nonalcoholic beverages Elected Officials may accept from lobbyists registered with their governmental entity, principals or employers of such lobbyists, or contractors or vendors of their governmental entity. The proposed Ordinance would also allow County Commissioners' governmental office staff, with the written approval of the Commissioner for whom they work, to accept food and nonalcoholic beverages in their official capacity, valued at up to \$20.00. The proposed ordinance would facilitate interaction between elected officials, their staff, and the public by allowing for Elected Officials and their staff to accept de minimis gifts of food and nonalcoholic beverages. Elected Officials and their staff are often invited to community events where food is customarily served. Under the current code, Elected Officials must either turn down an event, reject a meal when others are eating, or pay out of pocket, which can discourage interaction with the public. Increasing the threshold from \$5.00 to \$20.00 allows Elected Officials and their staff to accept a typical offering, while not rising to the level that could reasonably be seen to create ethical concerns.

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.

It is estimated that there will be no direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in Broward County.

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

4. Additional information (if any):