



## 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, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT, AMENDING POLICY 2.23.2 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY 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 purpose of the proposed ordinance is to shift modifications to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) map to the County's existing permitting and licensing process. The ESL map will be maintained as a planning tool and amends the ESL map process to be consistent with the Wetlands Map process which adds or deletes sites every two (2) years based on the permitting and licensing process.

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 are no direct compliance costs that a private business would incur or any new charges or fees imposed by this ordinance. There is also no cost for regulation and/or no estimated revenues. The proposed ordinance would have cost savings to private, for-profit businesses since they would no longer need to complete the ESL Map application, which would save them costs associated with an Attorney, Environmental Engineering Firm, Consultant, or Planner. In addition, they would not have to pay the application fee which is estimated at \$6,962 in Fiscal Year 2026.

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

As a result of the proposed ordinance, all businesses that would have applied for the ESL Map application would be positively impacted by not having to pay the application fee moving forward. In addition to cost savings from not having to hire firms or consultants to prepare the application package. On an annual basis, there were 1-2 businesses that applied for the ESL Map.

4. Additional information (if any):