



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 AQUATIC AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, WETLAND RESOURCE PROTECTION, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, AND COOLING TOWERS; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE") TO UPDATE SEVERAL REGULATED PROGRAMS RELATED TO AQUATIC AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, WETLAND RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL; AMENDING SECTION 34-168 OF THE CODE RELATING TO COOLING TOWERS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS; 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 Ordinance updates Chapter 27 of the Code related to Aquatic and Water Resource Management, Wetland Resource Protection, and Hazardous Material regulation, and amends Chapter 34 of the Code related to Cooling Towers. The proposed Ordinance includes regulatory updates and administrative housekeeping amendments intended to modernize and clarify requirements, align County standards with applicable state and federal references, and improve consistency in licensing, renewal, and compliance processes for regulated activities affecting water resources, wetlands, and hazardous materials.

The proposed Ordinance outlines environmental review prerequisites prior to issuance of building permits, updates definitions and technical standards for stormwater best management practices, refines surface water management licensing renewal requirements and electronic submittal procedures, and updates applicable water quality standards and related criteria. In addition, the proposed Ordinance revises wetland and aquatic resource protection provisions, including Manatee Protection Plan-related licensing and fee requirements, updates hazardous material definitions and facility operating requirements, and enhances cooling tower renewal requirements including operational verification and documentation.

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.

Businesses that dredge lakes more than 20ft will now be required to install a permanent aerator. The average cost of an aerator ranges from approximately \$350 to \$1,800 depending on the size and depth of the lake.

3. Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: It is estimated that less than 1% of businesses that apply for these licenses annually will be impacted by the proposed ordinance.

4. Additional information (if any):