



## 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 THE LANDLORD REGISTRATION, MINIMUM STANDARDS, AND RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS PROGRAM ("PROGRAM"); AMENDING SECTION 39-118 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE") BY ELIMINATING THE ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE FOR THE PROGRAM; RENUMBERING ARTICLES X $\frac{1}{2}$  AND IX $\frac{1}{2}$  OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE 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):

The proposed Ordinance amends Article IX $\frac{1}{2}$  of Chapter 39 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”) related to the Landlord Registration, Minimum Standards, and Residential Rental Property Inspections Program (“Program”).

The purpose of the Program is to create a landlord registration database of current and accurate information required to contact a property owner, or designated entity, regarding health or safety violations, minimum housing code complaints, or emergency situations at residential rental units. The Program’s further purpose is to investigate minimum standards complaints and conduct exterior property inspections to address substandard maintenance of rental properties, promote greater compliance with property maintenance standards, protect property values, and preserve the quality of the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) neighborhoods and available housing.

Currently, each person intending to lease a residential rental unit to a lessee during any part of the following year is required to submit an application to register that unit and pay \$75 (“Annual Renewal Fee”) to obtain a registration. The proposed Ordinance amends the Code to eliminate the requirement for the Annual Renewal Fee. The Program will continue requiring registration, including payment of \$75, for new applicants and for changes of ownership for a property subject to the Program. Modifications to applications, other than a change of ownership, will be processed at no charge.

The proposed Ordinance further renumbers Articles X $\frac{1}{2}$  and IX $\frac{1}{2}$  of Chapter 39 of the Code to Articles XXIX and XXVII, respectively, and updates all references to Articles X $\frac{1}{2}$  and IX $\frac{1}{2}$  of Chapter 39 of the Code or to the sections that are within those articles to reflect that renumbering.

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 the proposed ordinance will have no direct negative economic impact on private, for-profit business in Broward County. Currently, any person intending to lease a residential rental unit during any part of the following year must submit an application to register the unit and pay a \$75 annual renewal fee to obtain registration. Effective March 3, 2026, the proposed ordinance amends the Code to eliminate the annual renewal fee resulting in annual savings of \$75 per renewal registration. The ordinance does not impose any new charges or fees or impact the County’s regulatory costs.

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

It is estimated that 580 individual businesses will be impacted by the proposed ordinance, as they will no longer be required to pay the \$75 annual renewal fee.

4. Additional information (if any):