



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 MOTOR CARRIERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 22½ OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE") TO UPDATE MINIMUM VEHICLE STANDARDS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXICABS; 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 Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (“Code”), which regulates motor carriers, to update the minimum vehicle, operational, and training standards applicable to taxicabs operating within Broward County.

The ordinance is intended to ensure that all taxicabs providing transportation services in Broward County are safe, reliable, and maintained to an appropriate standard of cleanliness and functionality. The proposed Ordinance, if enacted, will modify the standards for vehicles, operators, and chauffeurs, including:

- (i) phasing in over a period of five (5) years, a maximum vehicle age for taxicabs of ten (10) model years;
- (ii) establishing a program for rating taxicabs and training taxicab drivers; and
- (iii) establishing additional standards for the interior and exterior of vehicles.

The proposed Ordinance will not include an increase in taximeter rates.

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.

Based on information provided by the Public Works and Environmental Services Department, there are currently 294 taxicabs that are more than 10 years old, and an additional 94 that will reach that age by the expiration of their current permits on June 30, 2026, for a total of 388 vehicles in the first year. A precise estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance will depend on business preferences such as make, model, and age of replacement vehicles. However, a popular choice for taxicabs, the Toyota Prius, can be used as a frame of reference to establish a range of possible replacement costs. The MSRP of the base LE model is advertised as \$28,550 and the average advertised price of a used five-year-old Toyota Prius LE in the South Florida market on Cars.com is \$18,445. The cost to replace 388 vehicles at these prices would range from \$7,156,660 for the used model to \$11,077,400 for the new model.

These estimates are based upon the assumption that all taxicabs maintain a permit to operate at the Port or Airport. Under the provisions of the ordinance, taxicabs that were permitted as of July 1, 2025, and that are more than 10 but less than 15 model years of age, and do not have a permit to operate at the Port or Airport will be allowed to continue operating until June 30, 2030. A decision by a business to forego the Port or Airport permit would change the estimates.

All other new requirements imposed by the ordinance are expected to have a minimal direct economic impact on private for-profit businesses in Broward County.

There are no new charges or fees imposed by the proposed ordinance.

The Public Works and Environmental Services Department will develop and implement the online rating system and training program in-house within existing budgetary resources.

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

According to data from the Public Works and Environmental Services Department, there are 60 businesses with permitted taxis.

4. Additional information (if any):