

**BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM**

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This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 16-43, "REGULATION OF USE AND CONDUCT AT THE BEACH, COUNTY PARKS, WATER BODIES AND ALL RECREATION AREAS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY" OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AT COUNTY BEACHES RELATED TO DIGGING HOLES, SETTING A MAXIMUM TENT SIZE WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND ADJUSTING THE 7:30AM TIME LISTED IN SUBSECTION (G) TO 7:00AM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Part I.**

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose<sup>1</sup>:

These amendments limit the size of holes that can be dug on the beach, requires them to be attended, and requires them to be filled in upon departure. Additionally, it limits the size of the structures that can be erected upon with beach with a permit. Regulating digging of holes is a public safety measure to prevent injury from sand collapse, a staff safety measure in preventing accidents, and a turtle protection measure for nesting. The tent provision is to promote beach usage compatibility more equally amongst users at a public park in the most heavily used park areas of the County. These changes serve the overall health, safety, and welfare of the County.

**Part II.**

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County: *(fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write "N/A")*

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<sup>1</sup> Address the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the County.

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

None. The ordinance regulates public activities at County Beach Parks. The ordinance affects digging holes and the size of tents that can be erected on the beach. There are no known direct economic impacts on businesses. If adopted, this ordinance would indirectly help tourism by creating a more safe and favorable beach environment for everyone.

- b. Identification of any new charges or fees on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

There are no new charges or fees on businesses.

- c. An estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

There are no new regulatory costs per se as no new enforcement personnel will be hired to enforce these two new minor provisions. Normal enforcement costs would ensue if a violation is cited. There are no new revenues anticipated. If a fine is levied, such revenue will be utilized to offset enforcement costs. No citations were issued for these rules during the last two years+.

### **Part III.**

Good Faith Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

None.

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on April 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. CST, or soon thereafter, at the County Commissioners Chambers, in the Okaloosa County Administration Building located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579, first floor, will consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the County Commissioners' Offices located at 302 N. Wilson St., Crestview, FL 32536, 850-689-5025 or 1250 N. Eglin Pkwy, Suite 100, Shalimar, FL, 850-651-7105.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*Okaloosa County adheres to the American Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commissioner's office described above and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing in order to provide the requested service.*