

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; REPEALING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE III TITLED “PUBLIC WATERWAYS”, DIVISION 1 TITLED “IN GENERAL”, SECTIONS 19-76 THROUGH 19-79 OF THE CODE OF OKALOOSA COUNTY RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXCLUSIONARY ZONE IN THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS CRAB ISLAND; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF DIVISION 1; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

The County previously established a Vessel Exclusion Zone in an area of heavy vessel congestion at Crab Island to allow an unobstructed corridor for emergency vessels. Over time this zone has become inefficient and unnecessary as a majority of the local emergency vessels no longer utilize this zone. This ordinance seeks to repeal the Vessel Exclusion Zone and open up the area to all vessels.

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”)*

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

Zero dollars.

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

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

Zero dollars.

- 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.

Zero dollars.

Part III.

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

Zero.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on May 20, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. or soon thereafter, at the Board of County Commission Chambers in the Okaloosa County Administrative Building located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 will hold a public hearing to consider repealing an ordinance, the title and substance of said ordinance being:

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The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Offices of the County Commission located at Suite 100, Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 and at Suite 302, 302 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, Florida 32536. Those offices can be contacted by telephone at 850-651-7105.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, 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 Americans With Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commission Offices at the above address, and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearings in order to provide the requested service.