

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 21, ARTICLE III OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO USE OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS; AMENDING THE AGE RESTRICTIONS; PERMITTING GOLF CARTS TO BE OPERATED AFTER SUNSET WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

Section 316.212, Florida Statutes, authorizes counties to designate certain county roads for lawful operation of golf carts if the County first determines that golf carts may travel on or cross such county roads upon considering the speed, volume and character of the motor vehicle using those county roads. The County previously enacted an ordinance designating certain areas of unincorporated Fort Walton Beach and Crestview for lawful operation of golf carts. The public purpose of this Ordinance is to provide alternative means of transportation in certain areas 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")*

- 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.

No revenue is anticipated. There will be a cost for posting the required signage.

Part III.

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

Zero.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on June 10, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. or soon thereafter, at the Board of County Commission Chambers in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579, will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed 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 to provide the requested service.