

## BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM

Posted To Webpage October 18, 2024

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OKALOOSA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 90-01, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE A LARGE-SCALE AMENDMENT CONSISTING OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.1 FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, CHAPTER 2.2 TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, CHAPTER 2.12 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT, CHAPTER 2.13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT, AND CHAPTER 4, CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, TO REPLACE TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY WITH A MOBILITY FEE SYSTEM; TO ESTABLISH A MOBILITY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT (TO BE RENAMED THE. MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT); AND TO UPDATE THE TEN YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose:

The proposed ordinance amends the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Okaloosa County Comprehensive to remove and replace the County's existing transportation concurrency management program with a Mobility Plan and fee system. The proposed ordinance serves the public by:

- allowing the use of mobility fees collected through this system to fund transportation infrastructure including not only roads, but also sidewalks, bike paths, and other multi-modal improvements;
- creating a less automobile-dependent transportation system; and
- improving the efficiency, transparency, and clarity of the County's development review processes.

### 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:

An analysis of the proposed fees shows that implementing the new system will result in payments roughly equal to the current payment system. Replacing the complex and time-consuming method of determining transportation impact mitigation with a straightforward fee structure will in all likelihood reduce business costs.

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

The proposed ordinance creates a fee structure that will result in traffic mitigation payments roughly equal to the current mitigation payment system. As stated above, the proposed Mobility Plan and payment system streamlines the current process and provides predictability to development costs.

- 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.

The County will not absorb any new costs associated with the proposed Mobility Plan and fee structure, and should in fact see an increase in efficiency in operations. The proposed fees will generate revenue roughly equal to the existing system that will be available for a broader spectrum of transportation-related projects.

### **Part III.**

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

The proposed ordinance may have an impact on businesses engaged in the development industries ranging from land clearing to finishing homes, including but not limited to general and residential contractors, land clearing contractors, concrete companies and crews, building materials supply companies, roofers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, air conditioning installers, millwork companies (windows and doors) landscapers, and other specialty trades.

It is acknowledged that these businesses will not be impacted equally, and many, who are primarily engaged in service call business, may not be directly impacted, if at all. However, *any* of these businesses could be impacted, particularly those engaged in new development.