

## BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

This is intended to be a business impact estimate in accordance with Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes concerning the enactment of a proposed ordinance. Concerning such proposed ordinance, the following information is given:

1. TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING A COUNTY WIDE SYSTEM FOR THE CARE, CONTROL, MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DESIGNATED AND MAY BE CITED AS THE “MADISON COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ORDINANCE”; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ENACT RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; REQUIRING COLLARS AND IDENTIFICATION FOR DOGS AND CATS; PROHIBITING PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMALS; PROVIDING THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR THE HANDLING OF ANIMAL CRUELTY COMPLAINTS; AUTHORIZING PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS TO RESTRAIN ANIMALS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE ON THEIR PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF STRAY ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT’S RIGHT OF ENTRY; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE COUNTY’S ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND DISPOSITIONS OF CITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NOS. 94-61, 96-80, 99-100 AND 99-105 IN THEIR ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The proposed ordinance reenacts and combines the County’s past animal control

ordinances with some revisions. The ordinance generally provides for care and control of animals and includes, without limitation by enumeration, requiring collars and identification for dogs and cats; prohibiting public nuisance animals; providing the removal and disposal of animal waste; providing for rabies control; providing for the classification and control of dangerous animals; providing for the handling of animal cruelty complaints; authorizing property owners and tenants to restrain animals found in violation of this ordinance on their property; providing for the holding and disposition of stray animals.

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

3. ESTIMATE OF THE DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY:

a. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.

None.

b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.

None.

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.

None. (The County presently has an animal services department and the proposed ordinance is not anticipated to increase the budget for this department.)

4. A GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED BY THE ORDINANCE:

None.

5. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE BOARD DETERMINES MAY BE USEFUL:

None.

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