

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 ORDINANCE NOS. 78-03 AND 90-07 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE BOB SIKES AIRPORT AND THE DESTIN EXECUTIVE AIRPORT; AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO ENFORCE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

This amendment updates the previously adopted rules and regulations and minimum standards jointly applicable to the Destin Executive Airport (DTS) and Bob Sikes Airport (CEW) through Ordinances 78-03 and 90-07. The County’s airports system has experienced extraordinary growth since the adoption of said ordinances. The purpose of an update to the Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards is to ensure that industry best practices are implemented and airport policies are in compliance with federal, state and local regulations. These changes serve the overall safety and welfare of the County’s airport users.

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:

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.

None. The ordinance regulates public and commercial activities at the County's General Aviation Airports. The ordinance affects the users of the airports. There are no known direct economic impacts on businesses. If adopted, this ordinance would create a more safe, favorable and fair 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 new penalty fees included in the Rules & Regulations related to the final stages of enforcement, which would apply only to individuals or businesses found to be in violation of the ordinance who do not take action to cure the violation in either of the first two phases of administrative action. Financial penalties would only be assessed by action of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Airport user fees and insurance requirements for commercial business operators are standardized in the update to the Minimum Standards. These are not new charges or fees to the users, nor have they been increased from the typical fees and requirements assessed to those types of operators in recent agreements.

- 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 new provisions. Normal enforcement costs would ensue if a violation is cited. There are no new revenues anticipated. If a penalty is levied by the BCC, such revenue will be utilized to offset enforcement and administrative costs related to the violation(s).

Part III.

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

The only businesses or individuals who may be impacted economically by the ordinance updates will be those who fall out of compliance and remain out of compliance after multiple notices. Penalties will only be levied by the BCC by vote after placement on public meeting agenda.