

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM

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

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE VI, WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICES, OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE, REMOVING PROVISIONS THAT ARE UNNECESSARY OR REDUNDANT WITH THE FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose:

The proposed ordinance revises Article VI of Chapter 12 of the County Code to eliminate redundancies with Chapters 713 and 715 of the Florida Statutes and other unnecessary provisions. The public purpose is to improve the enforceability of the regulations.

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:

This Ordinance will result in no direct increase in compliance costs, and will, in all likelihood, have a positive economic impact on for-profit towing businesses as the revised regulations require a bi-annual review of authorized towing fees. This should benefit the tow companies as it ensures the timely adjustment of rates to keep up with increased costs. Under the current regulations, adjustments are sporadic, with the most recent occurring in 2015. As provided in both the current and proposed codes, fees are adjusted by way of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Due to the amount of time that has elapsed since the last adjustment, a fee adjustment resolution is being presented concurrent with the regulatory revisions. The passage of the fee schedule adjustment resolution is independent from the proposed ordinance is mentioned herein in the interest of full disclosure.

- 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 no new charges or fees on businesses associated with the proposed ordinance.

- 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.

As the County's regulatory burden of enforcing the ordinance will remain unchanged, the County's regulatory costs should remain unchanged, as well

Part III.

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

According to the Tax Collector's records, 40 businesses that list towing as their business description have business tax receipts in Okaloosa County.