

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; AUTHORIZING CREATION OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE VIII AND SECTION 1(F) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF SETTING AND COMPUTING ANNUAL NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND; SPECIFYING AUTHORIZED USES FOR THE FUND PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

The proposed ordinance is intended to impose a special assessment on private for-profit and not-for-profit hospitals to leverage additional federal support to help finance the non-federal share of Medicaid payments resulting from health care services for those who qualify for Medicaid.

Part II.

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.

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:

Only the three private hospitals in the County could incur any compliance costs, which are unlikely due to it being a strictly voluntary program.

- 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 County will levy special assessments on the three private hospitals in the County.

- 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.

If approved, the County will receive \$150,000.00 to cover administrative costs.

Part III.

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

Three.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on September 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. CST, or soon thereafter, at the County Commissioners Board Room, in the Crestview Courthouse located at 101 East James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536, will consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the County Commissioners' Offices located at 302 N. Wilson St., Crestview, FL 32536, 850-689-5025 or 1250 N. Eglin Pkwy, Suite 100, Shalimar, FL, 850-651-7105.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, 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 American Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commissioner's office described above and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing in order to provide the requested service.

**NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING IMPOSING AND
COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
FROM SPECIFIED HOSPITAL PROPERTIES**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider the approval of the imposition and collection of non-ad valorem special assessments against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital that provides inpatient hospital services and that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Okaloosa County (each, an “Assessed Property”). The list of affected hospitals is included at the conclusion of this notice. **Approval and imposition of such special assessments is contingent upon passage of a Local Provider Participation Fund ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners on September 3, 2024.**

The assessments are intended to finance intergovernmental transfers, provided consistent with federal guidelines, that fund the non-federal share of certain supplemental payment programs. As a result, the assessments directly and specially benefit Assessed Properties and support the provision of health care services to Medicaid, indigent, and uninsured members of the County’s community.

The public hearing will be held at the County Commission Chambers of the Okaloosa County Administration Building located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway in Shalimar, Florida, on **September 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. At that time, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed special assessments.

Okaloosa County has prepared the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval. The roll contains the names of the Assessed Properties, the assessment rates, and the amount of the special assessments to be imposed against each Assessed Property. The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Okaloosa County Budget Office during regular business hours through September 17, 2024. The assessment rates set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll is set to 0.27% of inpatient gross patient revenue.

At the date and time set forth in this notice, the Board of County Commissioners may: (1) approve the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right, and (2) adopt a resolution (the “Assessment Resolution”) that describes: (a) the supplemental payments proposed for funding from proceeds of the assessments, (b) the benefits to the Assessed Properties, (c) the methodology for computing the assessed amounts, and (d) the method of collection, including how and when the assessments are to be paid.

All interested persons have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board prior to the resolution vote. All objections to the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval must be made in writing and filed with the County by September 13, 2024. Written objections should be sent to the attention of the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners at 302 N. Wilson St., Suite 302, Crestview, Florida 32536, or 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Suite 100, Shalimar, Florida 32579.

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The amount of the assessments is to be collected pursuant an additional and alternative method, as specified in § 197.3631, Fla. Stat. Details will be included in the Assessments Resolution.

Pursuant to § 286.0105, Fla. Stat., if a person decides to appeal any decision of the Board of County Commissioners on any matter considered at the public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, a person appealing the decision may need to ensure the creation of a verbatim record, which captures the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

List of Affected Properties:

The special assessments are to be levied against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital operating under a Florida hospital license affiliated with the following providers of inpatient hospital services that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Okaloosa County, Florida:

Hospital Name: North Okaloosa Medical Center
Address: 151 E Redstone Ave., Crestview, FL 32539
Parcel ID: 29-3N-23-0000-000A-0000

Hospital Name: HCA Florida Fort Walton-Destin Hospital
Address: 1000 Mar Walt Dr., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547
Parcel ID: 34-1S-24-0000-0052-0050

Hospital Name: HCA Florida Twin Cities Hospital
Address: 2190 Highway 85 N, Niceville, FL 32578
Parcel ID: 01-1S-23-0000-0003-0000