

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

This form should be included in agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the County's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

AN ORDINANCE OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING PART III OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "ZONING REGULATIONS," SECTION 3-2.11(b)(5), "HEAVY COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (HC/LI)," TO IDENTIFY STATE-LICENSED PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES AS PERMITTED USES UNDER "RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT"; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 6-0.3, "TERMS DEFINED," TO INCLUDE THE DEFINITIONS OF "CARDROOM," "PARI-MUTUEL," AND "PARI-MUTUEL FACILITY" CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA STATUTES; CREATING CHAPTER 4, "LOCATION AND LAND USE REGULATIONS," ARTICLE 7, "SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS," SECTION 4-7.17, TO ESTABLISH DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

As indicated below, the County has determined that the following exception(s) to the Business Impact Estimate requirement apply to the above-referenced proposed ordinance.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state, local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted by the County;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The proposed ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

- a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act pursuant to §§ 163.3220-163.3243;
- b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the county;
- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Notwithstanding the application of the exemption(s) noted above, or in the absence of any applicable exemption, the County hereby publishes the following information in accordance with the provisions of Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance, including a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare:

This ordinance amends the Land Development Code of Escambia County to include state-licensed pari-mutuel cardrooms as permitted uses within Heavy Commercial and Light Industrial (HC/LI) zoning districts under "Recreation and Entertainment." It further establishes supplemental use regulations, including distance requirements prohibiting the location of pari-mutuel facilities within 1,000 feet of places of worship, child care facilities, K-12 educational facilities, parks, or playgrounds. This ordinance supports proper zoning compliance and ensures public health, safety, and welfare by regulating land use impacts associated with pari-mutuel cardrooms.

2. Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including, if any, the following:

See below:

a) Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur:
The ordinance does not impose direct compliance costs for any new or relocating pari-mutuel operators within Escambia County.

b) Any new charge or fee imposed on businesses or for which businesses will be responsible:

No new charges or fees are created by this ordinance.

c) Estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs:

The County anticipates minimal regulatory costs.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

The ordinance directly impacts the single existing state-licensed pari-mutuel facility in Escambia County. Potential new businesses are limited due to state-mandated distance requirements in §550.054. Future impacts are anticipated to be minimal, as state law effectively prevents the issuance of permits for additional facilities.

4. Additional information, if any, which may include the methodology used to derive the information above, such as soliciting comments from businesses in the County regarding the potential impact, and any efforts to reduce the potential impact on businesses. If applicable, may also state the proposed ordinance applies to all similarly situated persons (individuals and businesses) and, therefore, does not only impose costs upon businesses.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By/Title: Christopher R. Shaffer, ACA

Date: 02-20-2025