



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE REQUIRED BY SECTION 125.66(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO PUBLIC CAMPING TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ADOPTION AT A PUBLIC HEARING AT 2:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 7, 2025

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Summary of proposed ordinance (F.S. § 125.66(3)(a)1.):

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) will conduct a public hearing on an Ordinance Pertaining to Public Camping or Sleeping in Orange County, Florida; Amending Chapter 26 (“Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses”), Article VI (“Offenses Involving Public Places”); Creating Section 26-111 (“Public Camping or Sleeping, Prohibition, Notices, and Penalties”); Providing the Purpose; Providing the Scope and Applicability; Providing a Definition of Public Camping or Sleeping; Prohibiting Public Camping or Sleeping; Providing for Notices of Violations; Providing for Enforcement and Penalties; Providing for Repeal of Laws in Conflict; and Providing for Filing of Ordinance and Effective Date.

The Ordinance is proposed in response to Florida House Bill 1365 (2024) which prohibits counties and municipalities from authorizing or otherwise allowing any person to regularly engage in public camping or sleeping on any public property including, but not limited to, any public building or its grounds and any public right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the county or municipality, as applicable. In Section 2 of House Bill 1365 (2024), the Florida Legislature determined and declared that the act fulfills an important state interest of ensuring the health, safety, welfare, quality of life, and aesthetics of Florida communities while simultaneously making adequate provision for the homeless population of the state.

An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the county, if any (F.S. § 125.66(3)(a)2.):

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:** The enforcement of this Ordinance could increase Orange County's regulatory costs including, but not necessarily limited to, costs associated with: (1) Orange County receiving notices of alleged violations, verifying alleged violations, and attempting to cure alleged violations; (2) the Sheriff's Office investigating and arresting people in violation of this Ordinance; (3) Orange County Corrections housing people arrested for violating this Ordinance; (4) prosecuting, defending, and hearing cases of violations of this Ordinance. Any increase in Orange County's regulatory costs will likely depend on the extent of this Ordinance's enforcement.

This Ordinance does not impose any new charges or fees on businesses to cover such costs.

A good faith estimate of the number of businesses that will be financially impacted by this ordinance (F.S. § 125.66(3)(a)3.): None

Any additional information the Board determines may be useful (F.S. § 125.66(3)(a)4.): None