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Business Impact Estimate

Pursuant to Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 9.62. ISSUANCE OF ANIMAL LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION TAGS AND VACCINATION CERTIFICATES, REQUIRING VETERINARIANS TO INCLUDE THE ANIMAL'S MICROCHIP NUMBER WITH ITS VACCINATION CERTIFICATION AND ELIMINATE FILING A DISASTER PLAN

- 1. A summary of the proposed ordinance, including a statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the county.**

This Amendment will require veterinarians to report microchip numbers with the animal rabies vaccination certificate. This will allow proper and faster calculation of fees owed for licensing and facilitate Animal Control Officers in locating owners of lost pets.

- 2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the county, including the following, if any:**

- a. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.**

This amendment would require a veterinarian's office to transcribe the microchip number from the animal into a report and to include this reporting with other, already required, documentation to the Tax Collector.

- b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.**

This amendment does not impose a fee or charges on a veterinarian's office.

- 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.**

This will not change revenue, as it does not impose any new charges or fees.

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

There are 33 veterinarian designated Business Tax Receipts ("BTR") issued in Martin County. Of the 33 BTRs, it is unknown which of the 33 offices handle vaccination of dogs or cats; as opposed to solely equine, fish, traditional agriculture animals, or exotic pets.

- 4. Any additional information the board determines may be useful.**

None.

Dated: March 27, 2026