



Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the "set for public hearing" agenda item for ordinances, and must be posted on the County's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Ordinance title/reference:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO MOTOR CARRIERS; AMENDING SECTION 22½-9B OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

If any of the following exceptions to the Business Impact Estimate requirement apply, check the applicable box and leave the remainder of the form blank.

- ☐ The ordinance is required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The 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 ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as defined in Section 163.3164, and development agreements authorized under the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by application by a non-municipal private party;
 - c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

1. Summary of the proposed Ordinance (must include statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare):

In 2025, the Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") amended the Code of Ordinances ("Code") to limit the age of taxicabs in service in the County but provided time for then-current taxicab owners to meet the new standards. Then-current owners were allowed to continue operating vehicles exceeding 15 years of age until June 30, 2026.

Recently, several independent taxicab owners have asked that this deadline be extended. According to figures provided by the Consumer Protection Division, almost half of taxicabs now in service are more than ten years old, and about 16 percent are more than 15 years old, suggesting that immediate enforcement of the new standards could reduce the number of taxicabs available to the traveling public.

If enacted, this ordinance would allow any taxicab lawfully permitted and operating as of July 1, 2025, exceeding fifteen (15) model years of age to continue operating until June 30, 2027, a one-year extension from the current ordinance.

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

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- b. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance; and
- c. Estimate of the County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

There are currently 100 taxicabs over 15 years old. A precise estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance will depend on business preferences such as make, model, and age of replacement vehicles. However, a popular choice for taxicabs, the Toyota Prius, can be used as a frame of reference to establish a range of possible replacement costs. The MSRP of the 2026 base LE model is advertised as \$28,550 and the average advertised price of a used five-year old Toyota Prius LE in the South Florida market on Cars.com is \$20,860. The cost to replace the 100 taxicabs that currently exceed 15 years of age would range from \$2,086,000 for the used model and \$2,855,000 for the new model. These costs are delayed for one additional year to June 30, 2027.

There are no new charges or fees imposed by this ordinance and there is no additional regulatory cost to the county.

3. Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

According to the Public Works and Environmental Services Department, there are 62 businesses with permitted taxicabs.

4. Additional information (if any):