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BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 125.66(3), FLA. STAT.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 21, PART 2, ARTICLE 25, DOCK BUILDING CODE, GENERAL ORDINANCES, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, REGARDING REVISION OF COUNTY DOCK BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY; APPLICABILITY; FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CODIFICATION.

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.

Currently, Chapter 21, Part 2, Article 25, Sections 21.252 of the General Ordinances, Martin County Code specifies the minimum standards for dock construction including materials, hardware, and construction methods for both residential and commercial docks. This amendment seeks to amend Martin County's Dock Building Code to mirror the Florida Building Code and requires detailed construction drawings of the design of any residential or commercial dock signed and sealed by a Florida design profession.

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 does not require a compliance cost for businesses as they are already required to adhere to the provisions of the Florida Building Code. The design for a residential or commercial dock in the existing ordinance is a minimum requirement, which typically includes a safety factor, to receive a permit without utilizing the services of a design professional. Due to the unique nature of the potential design options and site conditions for a dock, there are countless outcomes that may be produced by a design professional. A design professional may incorporate various embellishments, degree of safety factors, means, methods, materials, and potential sequences of operations that influence the overall cost of a dock. Based upon the ultimate design, the final cost of

construction may be increased or decreased, in comparison to the existing ordinance, due to the degree of built in safety factor, materials utilized, and level of embellishments.

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 charge or fee on businesses, nor does it impose a charge or fee for which businesses would be financially responsible. However, any existing permitting fees for construction of a dock will remain unchanged.

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 amendment does not impose any new charges or fees on businesses.

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

This amendment will only impact businesses in construction of commercial and residential dock building. In 2024, there were 9 business who constructed or repaired commercial docks and 22 companies who installed or repaired residential docks.

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

None.