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Martin County 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 1, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 1.98.B., GENERAL ORDINANCES, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, REGARDING DELEGATION OF HEARING AND DETERMINING REDUCTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS; 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.**

Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1.98, General Ordinances, Martin County Code, establishes the procedures for the release or reduction of code enforcement liens. Currently, a release or reduction of a code enforcement lien requires a recommendation of approval from the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate and then a subsequent final approval by The Board of County Commissioners. This amendment would delegate the Board's approval authority for code enforcement lien releases and reductions to the Special Magistrate. Under the proposed ordinance, the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate makes the final decision for code enforcement lien releases and reductions. The Special Magistrate's authority would be limited by Section 1.98.B., which prohibits the reduction of any lien to a value less than 10% of the total lien amount or 10% of the value of the violating property, whichever is less.

- 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 concerns the procedure for obtaining a reduction or release of an already existing code enforcement lien. Direct compliance costs by businesses will be unaffected.

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 new charge or fee on businesses.

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.

None.

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

None.

Dated: April 15, 2025