

**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 SECTION 12.1.12, APPLICABILITY, DIVISION 1, UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, AND TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS TABLES, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY 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.**

The proposed ordinance revises the standards and process to obtain alternative compliance in Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA). Alternative Compliance is a request to deviate from the requirements of Article 12, Community Redevelopment Code, Land Developments Regulations, Martin County Code. Currently, to obtain alternative compliance, an applicant submits an application to the Growth Management Department. The application is analyzed and may be approved by the Growth Management Director upon a finding that the alternative plan fulfills the purpose of Article 12 better than strict adherence to the requirements of Article 12 and/or would help carry out the specific goals or objectives outlined in a particular CRA Plan. The revisions change the criteria and the method of approval for requests for alternative compliance. The revisions are in the best interests of the public because they revise the criteria for consistency with Florida law and provide notice and an opportunity to be heard for the neighbors surrounding the property subject to the request.

- 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.**

The ordinance would not require any additional compliance costs for businesses. Currently, the application fee for alternative compliance is \$240 and that fee is not being changed by the ordinance.

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

The ordinance does not require any new charges or fees.

- 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 County will not incur any new regulatory costs or gain any additional revenue resulting from the adoption of this the ordinance. The alternative compliance process currently exists, and the fees are not being increased by the ordinance.

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

The only businesses expected to be impacted would be those businesses that seek alternative compliance. The alternative compliance process currently exists, and therefore, this ordinance would not appear to impact that number.

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

None.