



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, the County shall prepare or cause to be prepared a business impact estimate in accordance with Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

BOCC Meeting Dates: Permission to Advertise: September 16, 2025 Public Hearing: October 7, 2025

Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 03-07, CHAPTER 1-2, "ADMINISTRATION", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI, "CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS"; AMENDING SECTION 1-2-66 (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 1-2-67 (CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES) REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES FOR POSITIONS WHICH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS CRITICAL TO SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING SECTION 1-2-68 (CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS) REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS HAVING ACCESS TO ANY PUBLIC FACILITY OR PUBLICLY OPERATED FACILITY WHICH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDS CRITICAL TO SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION.

The Proposed Ordinance does does not fall under one of the following enumerated exceptions:¹

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed 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 government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Sections 163.3220-163.3243;

¹ F.S. 125.66(3)(c)7 (2024)

- b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the county;
- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes;
- d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

A business impact estimate is not required for the above exceptions

Summary of Proposed Ordinance and Statement of Public Purpose to be Served:

Ordinance No. 25-021, if adopted, would amend County Ordinance No. 03-07. Section 125.5801, Florida Statutes, authorizes counties to require criminal history screenings for employees in positions determined by the Board of County Commissioners to be critical to security or public safety as well as appointees and private contractors with access to any public facility or publicly operated facility which the Board finds to be critical to security or public safety. As provided in the statute, such screening requires fingerprint based state and national criminal history screenings through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A county must adopt an ordinance referencing Section 125.5801 in order to access the FBI's criminal history records.

Estimate of Direct Economic Impact on Private/For Profit Businesses:

N/A

Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted:

N/A

Any Additional Information:

None.