BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE
Rev. 08/2025

Meeting Date: 09/03/2025

Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference:
Amending Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Vehicle for Hire

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

- ☐ 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 s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243;
  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, regarding community development districts;
  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.

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

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

a. Estimate of Direct Business Compliance Costs: N/A

b. New Charges/Fees on Businesses Impacted: $225.00 per vehicle

c. Estimate of Regulatory Costs: increase from $11,625 to $20,925

Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted:
37

Any Additional Information: Increase of $100.00 per vehicle

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Since May 2024, Code Enforcement has received complaints about unlicensed taxi drivers and non-functioning meters leading to overcharging. Enforcement has been challenging due to outdated Vehicles for Hire Ordinance regulations. Research revealed that taxi meter calibration is now the responsibility of local governments rather than the State Department of Weights and Measures. Proposed amendments aim to modernize the ordinance, improve meter compliance, and encourage voluntary adherence.

One key amendment is to increase the regulatory license fee from $125 to $225, the first update since its implementation in 2005. The fee increase reflects the rising costs of staff time for inspections and the city's seal of approval decals. It would take effect for the 2026-2027 renewal period, generating an estimated $9,300 in additional revenue.