

Business Impact Estimate Form (see F.S. § 125.66(3)(a))

For:

Article IV, Chapter 62

This Ordinance amendment is scheduled for first public hearing by the Pinellas County Commission on March 24, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at 333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room, Clearwater, Florida 33756

** Unless an attachment is expressly referenced, the content in this Form encompasses the entire Business Impact Estimate for the Ordinance.*

1. Summary of the Ordinance, including a statement of the public purpose to be served by the Ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the County: *[This Section does not need to be lengthy. The Recitals ("WHEREAS" Clauses), or the "Purpose" or "Legislative Intent" Sections of the Ordinance, may be helpful to reference.]*

The proposed updates bridge the gap between Pinellas County ordinance and state statute regulating the use of fireworks during designated holidays. Specifically, to consumer use on the 4th of July, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Additionally, these amendments remove current requirement of permits for consumer and residential use to detonate fireworks during designated holidays

The following is a summary of the updates:

- Amended use and displays to reflect intention in state statute
- Amend definitions to remove outdated terminology and unacceptable penalties
- Amend permit requirements for consumer use during designated holidays
- Amend use of fireworks to ensure consistency with related Pinellas County code sections

WHEREAS Clauses:

WHEREAS, a review of this Fireworks Ordinance has revealed multiple areas for clarification and modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens to implement these provisions.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the Ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any:

No economic impact. Consumer permits were not previously being obtained or enforced for the designated holidays.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the Proposed Ordinance:

None.

4. Any additional information the BCC deems useful: *[This Section is not legally required.]*