



BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM

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This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

Ordinance No. 2024-02 “Retail Sale of Dogs and Cats”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 “ANIMALS” OF THE CITY OF DORAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE ARTICLE IV, “REQUIREMENTS FOR SALES OF DOGS AND CATS,” TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE BREEDING AND SALE OF DOGS AND CATS AND LICENSING OF KENNELS, BREEDERS, PET DEALERS, PET CARE CENTERS AND HOBBY BREEDERS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Part I.

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose¹:

The proposed ordinance adopts Miami Dade County’s “Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Ordinance” and incorporates it into Chapter 3 “Animals” of the City’s Code of Ordinances, where requirements for the sale of cats and dogs would be established and would provide for minimum standards. The main regulation being sought is to require all pet dealers to certify that that a dog or cat for sale comes from a permitted source.

This ordinance would require all pet retailers to provide a certificate of source for each specific dog or cat for sale. The ordinance would also assist in minimizing potential issues associated with animal retailers that source cats and dogs from “kitten factories and/or puppy mills”. The US Department of Agriculture has consistently found that puppy mills and kitten factories pose numerous problems such as sanitation issues that lead to infectious diseases, large numbers of animals overcrowding in cages, lack of veterinary care injuries and illnesses, lack of protection from the elements, and lack of adequate food and water.

¹ Address the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City of Doral.



Part II.

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Doral: (fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write "not applicable")

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

This would be difficult to gauge, as the amount may vary greatly depending on the breed of the dog or cat that a store sells. If a for-profit business acquires pets for sale from a puppy mill or kitten factory, it will usually be a bit cheaper in sale price when compared to a pet from a reputable and permitted source. However, the long-term health-related costs and ethical considerations associated with a puppy mill or kitten factory cat may damage the reputation of the pet store that acquires their animals for sale through an unpermitted source.

- b. Identification of any new charges or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

There will be no new charges or fees on businesses because of this new ordinance, as this proposed regulation will not require businesses to file for any applications, licenses, etc. that they do not already have to obtain on a yearly basis.

- c. An estimate of the City of Doral's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

There will not be an increase in the City's regulatory costs, as no additional code enforcement personnel will need to be hired for passage of this ordinance, and no additional training or certifications would need to be obtained. In addition, the only time revenue may be collected is if a business is found to be in violation, and only after an initial warning period has commenced to correct a violation.

Part III.

Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

According to the City's business tax receipt licensing records, there are 3 pet retailers that would be affected by this ordinance.



Part IV. Additional Information (if any):

This ordinance mirrors Miami Dade County's Sec. 5-10 – Requirements for Sales of Dogs and Cats, which has been in effect since 2008.