

Business Impact Estimate

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Florida Statutes §125.66(3)(a).

Proposed Ordinance Title/Reference: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (COUNTY), FLORIDA, TO ALLOW FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR TITLE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PENALTIES COLLECTED; PROVIDING FOR HEARINGS AND APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

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

Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Palm Beach County (County) Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens. Section 316.008(9)(a), Florida Statutes, authorizes a county to enforce the applicable speed limit on a roadway properly maintained as a school zone through the use of a speed detection system. Section 316.1895, Florida Statutes, governs the establishment of, enforcement within, and designation of school speed zones.

Section 316.008(9)(b), Florida Statutes, states that a "county or municipality may place or install, or contract with a vendor to place or install, a speed detection system within a roadway maintained as a school zone," as provided in section 316.1895, Florida Statutes, to enforce unlawful speed violations. A county must first enact an ordinance to authorize the placement or installation of school zone speed detection system and, as part of the public hearing on such ordinance, consider traffic data or other evidence supporting installation and operation of each proposed school zone speed detection system, pursuant to Section 316.008(9)(c), Florida Statutes. Based on speed study information submitted by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), the County has determined that there are 40 school zone locations that constitute a heightened safety risk and warrant additional enforcement measures, per Section 316.008(9)(c), Florida Statutes. Once the Ordinance is adopted, the County may contract with one or more vendors to provide program services with costs covered by penalties assessed and collected.

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

a. Estimate of Direct Compliance Costs:

There are no business compliance costs associated with this ordinance.

b. New Charges of Fees on Businesses Impacted:

There are no new charges or fees that will impact businesses associated with this ordinance.

c. Estimate of Regulatory Costs:

This ordinance will not impose any regulatory fees.

Any Additional Information:

Section 316.008(9)(b), Florida Statutes