

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE
PROPOSED COUNTY ORDINANCE**

NAME OF ORDINANCE: Ordinance establishing an Anchoring Limitation Area within the City of Cape Coral

I. SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

A. Statement of Purpose

The Ordinance establishes an Anchoring Limitation Area within the City of Cape Coral, in Bimini Basin. The Anchoring Limitation Area needs to be established by a County adopted Ordinance in accordance with Florida Law.

B. Narrative Summary of Ordinance (Several Sentence Summary)

The City of Cape Coral requested the County to create an Anchoring Limitation Area to assist the City in the management of the length of time vessels anchor in Bimini Basin. The County and the City have entered into an Interlocal Agreement detailing the responsibilities of the County and City relating to the establishment of the Anchoring Limitation Area.

Florida Statutes Section 327.4108, grants authority to Counties to enact ordinances establishing anchoring limitation areas adjacent to urban areas that have residential docking facilities and significant recreational boating traffic. Anchoring Limitation Areas prohibit the anchoring of a vessel for more than 45 consecutive days in any 6-month period. To create an Anchoring Limitation Area, at least thirty (30) days prior notice to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission must be given. Florida Statutes also require that anchoring limitation areas be less than 100 acres in size; the calculated size of an anchoring limitation area shall not include any portion of the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway or any mooring field or marina; and the aggregate total of anchoring limitation areas in a County may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the County's delineated navigable-in-fact waterways; and requires the area be marked with signage and buoys.

II. BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

A. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted: **Not applicable**

B. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible: **Not applicable.**

C. Estimate of the county's regulatory costs, including estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs:

Other than County staff time, all expenses will be the responsibility of the City of Cape Coral. Upon approval of this ordinance, staff will continue to work with the City of Cape Coral to take steps necessary for implementation.

D. Estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance: **Not applicable**