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*In accordance with Section 2.2.D of the Seminole County Home Rule Charter, before the enactment of a proposed ordinance or resolution on a legislative action, the Board of County Commissioners shall prepare or cause to be prepared an economic impact estimate. Similarly, Section 125.66(3)(c), F.S., requires that before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, the County must prepare a business impact estimate in accordance with this subsection.*

**Describe Project/Proposal, including the Public Purpose. (Must be completed for all legislative actions by ordinance or resolution)**

- Summary of proposed ordinance or resolution.

- Statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the county. (Section 125.66(3)(a)1., F.S.)

Seminole County is eligible to levy an additional five (5) cent local option gas tax on every gallon of motor fuel sold within the County. The proceeds would be used for eligible transportation expenditures needed to meet the requirements of the capital improvements element in the County's comprehensive plan, including mass transit facilities in the County which will directly benefit the public through enhanced and accessible transportation network which will improve the overall quality of life for residents. This ordinance requires a supermajority vote for approval. Distribution of the proceeds would be distributed by the Florida Department of Revenue to the County and Municipalities based on a formula determined by the last 5 years of Transportation expenditures. The proposed term of this ordinance is 50 years.

**Question 1: Does the proposed legislative action have an economic cost to the public or taxpayers of Seminole County? (Seminole County Home Rule Charter Section 2.2.D.)**

- ☒ Yes.  
☐ No.

**Question 2: This question only applies to ordinances: Does the subject matter or purpose of the proposed ordinance fall into any of the following categories? Please check all that apply (Section 125.66(3)(c), F.S.):**

- ☐ Required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;  
☐ Relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;  
☐ Relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;  
☐ 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 local government;  
☐ Is an emergency ordinance;  
☐ Relates to procurement; or  
☐ Is being enacted to implement the following:
- a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, F.S. and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243, F.S.;
  - 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, F.S., regarding community development districts;
  - d. Section 553.73, F.S. relating to the Florida Building Code; or
  - e. Section 633.202, F.S. relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

**If you answered NO to Question 1 and checked any boxes in Question 2 then STOP, this form is now complete.**

**If you answered YES to Question 1 and checked any boxes in Question 2 then complete Question 3.**

**If you answered YES to Question 1 and did not check boxes in Question 2 then complete Questions 3-5.**

**Question 3: What are the potential direct economic impacts (i.e. estimated costs/revenues to County, property owners, taxpayers, etc.) and indirect economic impacts (i.e. perceived positive/negative impacts on property values, etc.) of implementing the ordinance or resolution? (Seminole County Administrative Code Section 2.20)**

The revenue is estimated to generate \$8.8M Countywide, split between the County and Municipalities. Based on an estimated 12,000 miles driven per year, the average driver would pay approximately \$4.80 per year for each penny levied. If the full 5 cents per gallon is approved, the average driver would pay approximately \$24 per year.

Seminole County's population has increased significantly since 2020 and is projected to grow by 90,000 residents by 2045, which has an impact on roadway infrastructure and transportation mobility. This revenue would provide County citizens funding to meet increased demands and support various transportation methods including roads, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian systems.

**Question 4: What is the estimated direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for profit businesses in the County, including the following, if any (Section 125.66(3)(a)2., F.S.):**

- **An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted.**
- **Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.**

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

This tax would impact businesses at the same rate as residents, with the cost depending on the number of gallons of fuel purchased per year. Those businesses who sell fuel would need to adjust accounting systems for proper collection, recording, and remittance of the revenues. It is anticipated that the process will be similar to other State and Local gas taxes already being paid by these businesses, so the impact will be relatively minimal.

**Question 5: Provide a good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance. (Section 125.66(3)(a)3., F.S.):**

Approximately 160 vendors sell fuel in the County will be operationally impacted.