

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LOCAL BILL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FORM

Read all instructions carefully.

House local bill policy prohibits a local bill from being considered by a committee or subcommittee without an Economic Impact Statement. This form must be prepared by an individual who is qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and has personal knowledge of the information given (for example, a chief financial officer of a particular local government) and include information for the first two full fiscal years after the effective date of the local bill. Please file this completed form with the Clerk of the House as soon as possible after a bill is filed. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.

BILL #: HB 191
SPONSOR(S): Representative Brackett
RELATING TO: Town of Orchid - Meetings Outside of Municipal Boundaries
[Indicate Area Affected (City, County or Special District) and Subject]

Check if this is a revised Economic Impact Statement

I. REVENUES:

These figures are new revenues that would not exist but for the passage of the bill. The term "revenue" contemplates, but is not limited to, taxes, fees, and special assessments. For example, license plate fees may be a revenue source. If the bill will add or remove property or individuals from the tax base, include this information as well.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Revenue decrease due to bill:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Revenue increase due to bill:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

II. COST:

Include all costs, both direct and indirect, including start-up costs. If the bill repeals the existence of a certain entity, state the related costs, such as satisfying liabilities and distributing assets.

Expenditures for Implementation, Administration, and Enforcement:

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Please include explanations and calculations regarding how each dollar figure was determined in reaching total cost.

Town meetings would be able to be held at Town Hall free of charge.

There would be no additional costs to start using Town Hall, apart from the purchase of additional furnishings, such as seating.

III. FUNDING SOURCE(S):

State the specific sources from which funding will be received, for example, license plate fees, state funds, borrowed funds, or special assessments.

If certain funding changes are anticipated to occur beyond the following two fiscal years, explain the change and at what rate taxes, fees, or assessments will be collected in those years.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Local:	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
State:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Federal:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Potential Advantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as increased efficiencies, and positive or negative changes to tax revenue. If an act is being repealed or an entity dissolved, include the increased or decreased efficiencies caused thereby. Include specific figures for anticipated job growth.

1. Advantages to Individuals: Public meetings would be able to be scheduled more expeditiously, meaning matters of individual concern requiring Council consideration would receive quicker attention.
2. Advantages to Businesses: The Town does not have impacted businesses, apart from the Country Club, whose facility is used by the Town for public meetings. That space would be "freed up" during those times for use by the Club and its members.
3. Advantages to Government: The Town would gain efficiency and become more responsive to the community with greater flexibility to hold meetings to address matters more promptly and fully.

Potential Disadvantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as inefficiencies, shortages, or market changes anticipated. Include reduced business opportunities, such as reduced access to capital or training. State any decreases in tax revenue as a result of the bill.

1. Disadvantages to Individuals: No disadvantages to individuals are anticipated related to inefficiencies, shortages, market changes, reduced business opportunities, reduced access to capital or training, or a decrease in tax revenue.
2. Disadvantages to Businesses: See next page.

No disadvantages to businesses are anticipated related to inefficiencies, shortages, market changes, reduced business opportunities, reduced access to capital or training, or a decrease in tax revenue.

3. Disadvantages to Government: No disadvantages to the Town are anticipated related to inefficiencies, shortages, market changes, reduced business opportunities, reduced access to capital or training, or a decrease in tax revenue.

V. DESCRIBE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE BILL ON PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:

The private facility currently utilized by the Town of Orchid for public meetings is offered free of charge, but that cannot be assumed to be guaranteed to continue in perpetuity. Not having any other viable locations to meet available within the Town, makes the Town vulnerable in several respects, including economically. The local bill will provide the Town with the ability to hold meetings without dependence on the limited availability of a very popular private facility. Scheduling meetings promptly and allowing ample time for consideration of the myriad matters that are attended to at public meetings is vital to the Town performing optimally in service to the community.

VI. SPECIFIC DATA USED IN REACHING ESTIMATES:

Include the type(s) and source(s) of data used, percentages, dollar figures, all assumptions made, history of the industry/issue affected by the bill, and any audits.

The current Town Hall was used in the past for public meetings, as permitted by statute then, so it's known that the facility can be functional for that purpose. Noted expenses are based on the cost of additional furnishings to be purchased in the first fiscal year, as determined by the anticipated need and current pricing.

Also considered for this statement is the fact that the Town may choose to occupy a different facility for its Town Hall in the near future, within the bill's permitted perimeter, but that is unknown at this stage and not specifically related to this local bill. The cost of furnishings would still apply.

A small cost reduction, not previously noted, would be enjoyed by the Town in regard to the monthly mileage reimbursement for staff to travel to public meetings away from Town Hall. This would amount to approximately \$200 a year in cost savings.

VII. CERTIFICATION BY PREPARER

I hereby certify I am qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and have personal knowledge of the information given. I have reviewed all available financial information applicable to the substance of the above-stated local bill and confirm the foregoing

Economic Impact Statement is a true and accurate estimate of the economic impact of the bill.

PREPARED BY:

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[Must be signed by Preparer]

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August 11, 2023

Date

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