

Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Ordinance 2023-17 Extending the suspension and waiver of water and wastewater impact fees until February 1, 2025

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is 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 municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

The City owns, operates, controls and manages an exclusive water and wastewater service area both within and without the City limits. The financing of central water and wastewater facilities is complex, requires extensive planning and engineering, and calls for advanced participation by the development community so that adequate public facilities can be provided to meet the impacts of that development. In 1982, the City adopted its first set of water and wastewater impact fees. The growth of the City has been stagnant for many years. In 2014, in an effort to support growth and development, the City suspended and waived the collection of water and wastewater impact fees. This ordinance extends the suspension and waiver until February 1, 2025. This ordinance serves the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring the publicly owned utility, which provides an essential service to the community, is prudently operated.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

None

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

No new charges, existing fees are waived

(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

None

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

None. The proposed ordinance will not have any negative financial impacts to businesses.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (new development, commercial or residential, which would have required an impact fee had they not been waived) and therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses.