

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 2023-09 Modifying Certain Meter Regulations

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 is authorized, pursuant to general and special law and its home rule powers contained in statutes and the Florida Constitution, to own, operate, provide, and extend central water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services both within and without the corporate limits of the City of Wauchula, Florida, and the City, in fact, owns and operates a water and wastewater system, which provides services within and outside of the City's corporate limits.

The City has full and exclusive authority over the management, operation, and control of all of the City's utilities and the authority to prescribe rules and regulations governing the use of such facilities whenever such are provided by the City, and to make such changes from time to time in such rules and regulations as it deems necessary.

This ordinance amends the existing ordinance governing multiple units served by a single meter. The amendment serves the public interest by easing the difficulty of metering multi-unit developments through master meters rather than individual meters for each unit, which can be a financial burden.

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;

None.

(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. Allowing businesses to use a master meter for multi-unit developments, as opposed to requiring a meter for each unit, could potentially result in a financial savings for the business that develop, own and operate multi-unit commercial and residential properties.

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

This Ordinance amending the City's code is an effort by the City of Wauchula to reduce the potential fiscal impact on businesses and property owners alike who own and operate multi-unit commercial and residential properties. The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (individual property owners as well as businesses who develop, own, or operate multi-unit properties) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses.