



Business Impact Estimate

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 166.041(4).

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SMOKING AT PUBLIC PARKS; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 46-64; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This ordinance would prohibit the smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, filtered cigars, pipes, and other devices that can be used to inhale, exhale, burn, or carry tobacco products in the identified City-owned public parks, except in designated smoking areas.

The public purpose of the ordinance is to serve the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida. Cigarette butt and smoking pollution in the City's parks contain toxic chemicals that adversely impact the environment. Littered cigarette butts and filtered cigar debris are difficult to remove from public parks, can cause hazards to park patrons and wildlife, can significantly detract from a healthy environment, and can reduce the enjoyment of the City's public parks for those individuals and families who want to enjoy a healthy environment, free of smoking-related pollution and hazards.

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

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted;**
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and**
- (c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.**

This proposed ordinance imposes no direct compliance costs on businesses and imposes no new charge or fee on businesses.

The City's regulatory costs include the purchase of signage and waste receptacles, which are estimated to cost approximately \$4,000.00. Funding from the State of Florida may be available for the purchase

of signage related to implementation of this ordinance, which would reduce the financial impact on City resources.

Law enforcement officers regularly patrol the City's public parks, and it is not estimated that enhanced patrol will be necessary to enforce the proposed ordinance.

3. The City's good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.

None. This ordinance does not directly impact businesses.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful, if any

None.