



Business Impact Estimate

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-34

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, APPENDIX A – CITY FEE STRUCTURE; AMENDING CITY-WIDE FEES, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES, FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT FEES, POLICE FEES, PARKS AND RECREATION FEES, SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FEES, UTILITIES FEES, ROAD AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT FEES, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FEES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY-WIDE FEES, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, POLICE, & SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would make updates to the Appendix A – City Fee Structure.

These updates could include:

- Rate changes provided by City staff.
- Formatting, renaming of sections, and changing of the order of sections.
- The addition of new fees, and the deletion of obsolete fees.
- Updating language in the Code by adding (underlined) or removing (~~striketrough~~) verbiage.

The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

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

The proposed updates in this ordinance for **City-Wide Fees, Development Services, Police, Social Services, Utilities** are not substantive. The only changes include updating language, formatting, or deleting obsolete fees. The proposed ordinance does not:

- (a) create any new compliance requirements for private, for-profit businesses, or
- (b) Impose any new charge or fee for which businesses will be financially responsible.

(c) The City's regulatory costs and revenues are unaffected by the proposed ordinance, as the ordinance itself does not amend or add any new city fees or charges.

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

None. This proposed ordinance does not impose any new charge or fee on businesses.

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

Please note that the ordinance (ORD. NO. 2024-34)) substantively revising Appendix A for FY 2024-25 should be adopted prior to the ordinance (ORD.NO. 2024-33) revising references throughout the City Code and Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

ROAD & DRAINAGE

5. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would increase the current construction traffic road fee 15% for residential and commercial new construction. The public purpose of the ordinance is to closer align the recovered cost with the actual cost of the road rehabilitation related to construction traffic.

The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to offset the City's costs to rehabilitate roadways damaged by heavy construction vehicles used in commercial and residential construction.

6. 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 will apply to all new commercial development within the city. It will affect all new commercial construction with a 15% increase.

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

The estimated number of businesses likely to be impacted by this proposed ordinance cannot be quantified at this time because the number of businesses likely to be impacted will depend on how many businesses apply for new commercial construction permits following the effective date of the ordinance.

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

Increases in the fee are related to the Construction Traffic Road Fee Assessment Methodology Study completed by Stantec in 2022.

SOLID WASTE

9. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would increase the Solid Waste Commercial collection fees by 20%. This increase will bring in an estimated revenue of \$500,000. Solid Waste fees for residential customers would increase 10%. This will bring in an estimated revenue of \$1,000,000. These increases are to offset increased operational expenses.

The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to offset the City's operating cost, thereby protecting public safety.

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

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

This proposed ordinance will apply for all Solid Waste services for both commercial and residential customers.

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

The City estimates that 464 private, for-profit businesses receive trash collection from the City and, therefore, would potentially be subject to this proposed ordinance.

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

n/a

FIRE RESCUE

13. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would eliminate the reference to additional floors for review or inspection. Thus, allow for the associated fees to be solely based upon square footage and be incorporated within the new Accela Permits Management Program. The proposed ordinance incorporates or separates previously combined or new inspections not previously recorded to provide greater flexibility and accountability of resources to our customers. The proposed ordinance would increase the Fire, Emergency or Disaster Safety Plan Review from \$150 to \$200, Fire and EMS Standby fees for Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics from \$47 to \$60, Supervisor/Lieutenant/Fire Inspector from \$54 to \$71, Manager/Captain/Battalion/Division/District from \$60 to \$82, Command Staff Vehicle from \$19.97 to \$30.20, Ambulance from \$41.76 to \$48.32, Brush Truck from \$49.03 to \$59.91, Fire Truck/1250 Pump with Rescue Equipment from \$97.71 to \$199.39, Water Tanker from \$104.95 to \$128.24, Aerial Truck 75 Quint from \$122.69 to \$149.92, and All Terrain Vehicle (Polaris) and Trailer from \$29.92 to \$24.74.

The public purpose of the ordinance is to offset the Fire Department's costs of processing building/fire permits, conducting related reviews, inspections, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) staff time and emergency vehicle operational costs to be present at events requiring standby services.

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

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

This proposed ordinance applies to contractors and businesses with permits or contracts, as well as individuals and businesses seeking Fire and EMS standby services after the effective date of the ordinance. These entities may incur limited, increased, or indeterminate costs associated with projects to provide greater flexibility and accountability of resources.

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

The estimated number of businesses likely to be impacted by this proposed ordinance cannot be quantified at this time because those likely to be impacted will depend on how many are seeking building/fire permits, related reviews, inspections and Fire and EMS standby services following the effective date of the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (individuals, as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses.

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

None.

PARKS & RECREATION

17. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would amend, update, or clarify the Parks & Recreation Department's fee structure. Changes in Section I of Appendix A include removal of the fees for the Tribute Program as this program is moving to an administrative policy; rounds fees for memberships to the whole dollar; and adds the option of an annual pass purchase for Warm Mineral Springs Park. Changes in Section J of Appendix A include the removal of the Warm Mineral Springs Event Area as a rental option. The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to partially offset the operational costs of the Parks & Recreation Department by charging user fees for services.

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

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

This proposed ordinance affects users who purchase memberships for Recreation services by rounding the individual fees to the whole dollar; and adds an option for users of Warm Mineral Springs Park to purchase annual passes.

Updates for Section I

- Removal of the Tribute Program fees as this is transitioning to an administrative policy

- Student Annual Pass Resident changed from \$100.80 to \$101.00
- Senior Annual Pass Resident changed from \$100.80 to \$101.00
- US Armed Forces Veteran Annual Pass Resident from \$100.80 to \$101.00
- Family Annual Pass Resident from \$352.80 to \$353.00
- Adult Daily Use changed from \$9.10 to \$9.00
- Adult Monthly Pass Nonresident changed from \$46.20 to \$46.00
- Senior Monthly Pass Nonresident changed from \$27.72 to \$28.00
- US Armed Forces Veteran Monthly Pass Nonresident changed from \$27.72 to \$28.00
- Family Monthly Pass Nonresident changed from \$64.68 to \$65.00
- Student Annual Pass Nonresident changed from \$133.06 to \$133.00
- Adult Annual Pass Nonresident changed from \$332.64 to \$333.00
- Senior Annual Pass Nonresident changed from \$133.06 to \$133.00
- US Armed Forces Veteran Annual Pass Nonresident changed from \$133.06 to \$133.00
- Family Annual Pass Nonresident changed from \$465.70 to \$466.00
- Resident Annual Pass – Warm Mineral Springs Park new fee \$1,125.00
- Nonresident Annual Pass – Warm Mineral Springs Park new fee \$2,000.00

Updates for Section J

- Removal of the Family Service Center Meeting room – no longer a rentable space
- Removal of the Warm Mineral Springs Park Event Area – not a rentable space

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

The Parks & Recreation Department estimates that approximately 25% of the drop in and memberships sold to private individuals may be affected by the change in fees for services, based upon fee projections prepared for the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

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

None