



Business Impact Estimate

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING CONSTITUTES AN ADMISSION AND WAIVER AND AUTHORIZES IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND COSTS; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SECTION 2-508; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance

This proposed ordinance would amend the Code Enforcement Hearing section of the City Code by establishing default procedures for cases in which an alleged violator fails to appear at a scheduled hearing. The amendment states that failure to appear at a scheduled hearing constitutes a waiver of the violator's rights and an acceptance of the alleged violation, thereby authorizing the Hearing Officer to proceed with enforcement and potential penalties. Failure to appear may result in orders being issued finding that the violation exists, and fines and costs will be imposed if the property isn't brought into compliance within a specified timeframe.

The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to enhance administrative efficiency and streamline the hearing process in situations where property owners or responsible parties do not attend scheduled proceedings.

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 is procedural in nature and does not modify, amend or otherwise impact any existing fees, fines or cost schedules, nor does it alter the City's established fee structure.

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 directly impact 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 (individuals, as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses.