



## **Business Impact Estimate**

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, APPENDIX A – CITY FEE SCHEDULE; AMENDING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES, INCLUDING BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, PLANNING AND ZONING, AND NATURAL RESOURCES FEES, TO CORRESPOND WITH THE NEW UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

#### **1. Summary of the proposed ordinance**

Ordinance No. 2024-13 created a new Chapter 2 of the Unified Land Development Code incorporating several new application types for the development review process for which fees must be established. In addition to addressing the new development application types, the ordinance eliminates fees for application types that have been removed from the development review process. The ordinance also provides some flattening of fees to provide increased efficiency in administration, as well as escalating fees for plan reviews beyond the average number required to incentivize accurate submittals and discourage site design by plan review.

#### **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;**

The direct economic impact on businesses cannot be estimated because the applicable fees are determined by type of application submitted regardless of the applicant being an individual or a business. Therefore, the character of the property and the development approval type will drive the outcome of the economic impact.

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

A new voluntary environmental mitigation fee in lieu of tree removal mitigation per tree may be selected by an applicant for a new single family home which option may result in a reduction of the amount charged for land clearing. New fees for plan reviews beyond a second review are included in the ordinance instead of a \$650.00 resubmittal fee for each iteration, which fees will only apply if an applicant's plans are still deficient after second review; thus, the applicant is in control of the applicability of those fees.

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

The City does not anticipate any additional regulatory costs beyond those already associated with the existing development review process, nor any additional revenues due to the new application types and fees.

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

An estimate of the number of businesses impacted is not available, because the number of individuals or businesses impacted depends on the number of individuals or businesses who proceed with the development or redevelopment of property.

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

None.