



## **Business Impact Estimate**

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, CLARIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A HEARING OFFICER AND ALTERNATIVE HEARING OFFICERS; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SECTIONS 2-111 AND 2-505; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

The proposed amendment relocates qualifications of a hearing officer from Chapter 2, Article IX, Code Enforcement, Sec. 2-505 to Chapter 2, Article IV, Officers and Employees, Division 1, Hearing Officers, and removes the requirement for a hearing officer to reside in or practice law in Sarasota County. Approval of this ordinance will facilitate appointment of alternate hearing officers to help prevent cancellation of Code Enforcement and Zoning Appeal hearings.

The public purpose of this proposed ordinance is to serve the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida by ensuring that alternate hearing officers are available to conduct Code Enforcement and Zoning Appeals hearings thereby avoiding delayed abatement or correction of code violations that negatively impact neighborhoods and ensuring the City processes appeals and variance applications within the required statutory timelines.

#### **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 has no direct economic impact on private, for-profit businesses in the City.

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

This proposed ordinance imposes no new charges or fees on businesses.

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

None.