



## **Business Impact Estimate**

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-30**

**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 CITY-WIDE FEES; UTILITIES FEES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

A formal rate analysis was performed by GovRates, Inc. to analyze the current city-wide fees. The proposed Ordinance would modify the current miscellaneous fees to ensure the department is recovering costs of providing the services outlined below.

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

#### **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.**

Fees will be incurred by businesses who do not make payments on time. This fee can be avoided by making timely payments in accordance with code. Businesses who have new connections to the system will see an increased cost in the meter set fees. This is due to the increase costs in the new advanced metering infrastructure meters that will ultimately increase operational efficiencies and allow customers more control over their water usage. Businesses will see a change in their activation of service, which is a one-time fee to set up an account. There are no new regulatory costs associated with this Ordinance.

**3. 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 act in a manner that requires reaction from the City's Utility Department.

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

The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all customers similarly situated (residential, as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses. In addition, some fees can be avoided as outlined within section 2 above.