



Business Impact Estimate

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REGARDING SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PROXIMITY TO CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS; AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SECTIONS 6-1. AND 6-4.; 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 ordinance would amend Sections 6-1 and 6-4 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, as follows:

- Provides that distance requirements apply to alcoholic beverage establishments, which are defined as establishments that align with the definition of “stand-alone bar” per the Florida Statutes;
- Clarifies definitions of church and school;
- Provides for an exemption to allow for the continuation of non-conforming uses, provided the use is not discontinued for more than one year.

Adoption of the proposed amendment will expand the real estate options for businesses wishing to open commercial entertainment/recreation, hotels and restaurants, and removing barriers to expanding the recreation and dining options in the City which may result in location of convenient services in proximity to residential areas.

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.