

Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-740

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) related to the process for reviewing and issuing subdivision approvals and related building permits, as more specifically described in this ordinance; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- ☒ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized under sections 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the City;
 - c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

The public purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City's Code of Ordinances) to incorporate both revisions that City staff initiated to improve the subdivision regulations with a clearer process and updated terminology and regulations, as well as revisions that are required by new state law. SB 784, effective on July 1, 2025, amended section 177.071, Florida Statutes, to require that plat or replat submittals be reviewed and approved administratively as opposed to any board review (including any review by the City Commission).

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;*
- (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.*

No new or additional compliance costs or new charges or fees to businesses. Developer expenses are expected to decrease due to administrative review rather than board review. Fee revenues generated by the City and City administrative expenses are expected to correspondingly decline.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

Indeterminable number of property owners and developers.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

[You may wish to include in this section the methodology or data used to prepare the Business Impact Estimate. For example: City staff solicited comments from businesses in the City as to the potential impact of the proposed ordinance by contacting the chamber of commerce, social media posting, direct mail or direct email, posting on City website, public workshop, etc. You may also wish to include efforts made to reduce the potential fiscal impact on businesses. You may also wish to state here that 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.]

N/A