

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.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

2024-779 An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, adopting and creating Chapter 26, Article II, Division 3, of the Code of Ordinances relating to enforcement of school zone speed limits; authorizing the placement and installation of speed detection systems on roadways maintained as school zones; providing for enforcement; amending Chapter 2-377 authorizing the magistrate to hear contested violations of Chapter 26, Article II, Division 3, "The Gainesville School Zone Speed Enforcement Act"; 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, F.S., and development agreements, as authorized under sections 163.3220-163.3243, F.S.;
 - 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):

During the 2023 state legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 657 (HB 657) which provides for a City to enforce the applicable school speed limit on a roadway properly maintained to state standards as a school zone through the use of speed detection systems.

The City's Vision Zero program is designed to improve safety for all transportation system users. Further, speed violations in school zones represent hazards to public safety. HB 657 provides an alternative method to enforce speed limits within School Zones and provides the police department with an automated method to enforce school speed zone infractions.

In order to enact the provisions of HB 657, the City of Gainesville must adopt relevant ordinance(s) to allow for such enforcement.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the [City/Town/Village], 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/Town's/Village's] regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The only potential cost to businesses would apply to those that use vehicles as part of their regular operations, particularly if their drivers violate the posted school zone speed limit. In such cases, the citation is issued to the vehicle's registered owner. These violations—and the associated costs—are entirely preventable by ensuring drivers comply with the designated speed limits in school zones.

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

NONE.

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/Town/Village] staff solicited comments from businesses in the [City/Town/Village] 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/Town/Village] 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].