

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: Ordinance No. 2024-903

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by increasing residential solid waste collection fees; 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. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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

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 ordinance amends “Appendix A – Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges” as it applies to residential curbside solid waste service fees. The ordinance increases residential solid waste collection fees, which include garbage, recycling, yard, and bulk waste collection, by 20% in order to meet the City’s expenses, which have increased due to inflation, and to continue to provide the same level of service to residential properties. This ordinance will serve public health and safety.

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.

The Ordinance change does not impact private for-profit businesses as the fees being increased are for curbside residential solid waste collection.

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

No businesses are estimated to be impacted as the fees are for curbside residential solid waste collection.

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

Fees proposed in the Ordinance were discussed by the Gainesville City Commission at its General Policy Meeting on December 12, 2024; the agenda, audio, video and meeting minutes can be found online at gainesvillefl.gov