

# **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. 2025-682**

**An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for the following: adult performance establishment, escort services, and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; building permit fees; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; land development code; parks, recreation, and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way (public) obstruction permits; right-of-way (public) use by utilities; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; taxation; traffic and motor vehicles; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; valet operations; and vehicles for hire; 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 law<sup>1</sup> 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:

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<sup>1</sup> See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- 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
- 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):

This ordinance implements the schedule of fees, rates, and charges that will take effect October 1, 2025 for general government services, programs and regulations. This ordinance increases nearly all fees in the general government of Appendix A by 5%. These charges do not include utility services provided by the Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority. Historically, the city has increased fees, rates, and charges by 5% every other year, and this ordinance represents a continuation of that practice. Due to inflation, the City's cost of providing services has increased. This ordinance will enable the city to continue to provide the same level, quantity, and quality of government services and functions as it has in the past.

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.

This ordinance increases fees, rates, and charges for adult performance establishment, escort services, and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; building permit fees; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; land development code; parks, recreation, and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way (public) obstruction permits; right-of-way (public) use by utilities; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; taxation; traffic and motor vehicles; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; valet operations; and vehicles for hire. Businesses that use the services of the City or are regulated by the City in the categories listed above will incur a 5% increase compared to the current charges.

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

There are approximately 4,700 businesses registered with the City for the local business tax. However, there are additional businesses, not registered with the City, that may be impacted, such as nonprofit, religious and educational institutions that could be affected by the rate increases.

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