



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 3 | Date: 4/08/2025

First Reading Amend the City of Fort Lauderdale's Ordinance Chapter 15, Business Tax Receipts and

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary: _____

CAM#: 26-0489 Meeting Date: 6/16/26

Ella Parker	Ella Parker, AICP <small>Digitally signed by Ella Parker, AICP Date: 2026.05.15 15:09:23 -04'00'</small>
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City Attorney/Designee Name	Signature

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more statements in the section below apply, a Business Impact Estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance.

- 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 city;
- 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 s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243.
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality;
 - 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

The provisions as indicated above constitute exemptions as provided in Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Should any such exemption be applicable, then the provisions found in Section A below are not applicable.



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Section A

- 1. Summary of the proposed ordinance, to include the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City.**

The proposed ordinance is to amend the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Business Tax Receipts and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, establishing Article XI, entitled "Certificate of Use". The goal of the CU program is to provide applicants with enough information about their proposed business and location so they can make informed decisions before signing a lease or hiring contractors for alterations, which may not be allowed at that site.

- 2. Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City.**

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.**

The average cost per business applying for the Certificate of Use will be \$238.50. This is calculated by charging a cost recovery fee of \$159 per hour for an average of 1.5 hours per application.

- b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.**

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- c. An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.**

Based on initial staff analysis, approximately 1,700 applications annually would be subject to the new CU process, based on average business tax and applicable building permit applications from 2022–2025. At the minimum fee of \$238.50 per application (1.5 hours at the UDP hourly rate of \$159/hour), the projected annual revenue is approximately \$405,450.

- 3. Good faith estimates of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.**

The number of businesses likely impacted by this ordinance is estimated at 1,700 annually.

- 4. Any additional information the City may deem to be useful.**