



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 3 | Date: 4/08/2025

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary: Ordinance to Increase (EMS) Transport User Fees

CAM#: 26-0252 Meeting Date: 03/19/2026

Stephen Gollan, Fire Chief

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Department Director/Designee Name

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Eric Abend, Sr Assistant City Attorney

City Attorney/Designee Name

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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.**

This ordinance serves the public health, safety, and welfare by enhancing the City's ability to sustainably provide high-quality emergency medical transport services. By adjusting EMS transport fees to align with actual operational costs and regional benchmarks, the City ensures the continued delivery of responsive and reliable emergency medical care.

- 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.**

There are no compliance requirements imposed on businesses by this ordinance. It does not mandate business operations or reporting changes, nor require the purchase of equipment, services, or administrative procedures

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

The ordinance increases user fees for EMS transport services. These fees may indirectly affect private, for-profit businesses in the healthcare, senior care, or hospitality sectors whose clients or staff may require emergency transport services. However, most EMS fees are billed directly to individuals or their insurance providers, not to businesses.

- 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.**

There are no significant regulatory or administrative costs anticipated as a result of the ordinance. EMS transport is an existing service with billing infrastructure already in place.

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

A good faith estimate would suggest that fewer than 25 businesses in the City may experience indirect financial responsibility for EMS transports under special circumstances.

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

A limited number of businesses are likely to be directly impacted. These may include:

- Private healthcare providers, such as nursing homes or rehabilitation centers
- Private ambulance services under subcontract or coordination with City EMS
- Event venues or hotels, in rare cases of liability coverage for guests or employees