



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 4 | Date: 6/03/2026

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary

First Reading – Ordinance Amending City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances – Chapter 9, Buildings and Construction, Article II, Permits and Inspections, to Revise Private Provider Permit Fees and Fee Reductions in Compliance with State Legislation

CAM#: 26-0716

Meeting Date: 8/18/26

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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.

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 9, Article II of the City Code to establish cost-based private provider permit fees and increase the required fee reductions for qualifying commercial projects in accordance with House Bill 803. The public purpose is to ensure compliance with State law and that applicants are charged only for services the City continues to provide.

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.

No direct compliance costs are anticipated. The ordinance provides increased fee reductions to qualifying commercial permit applicants that elect to use private providers.

- 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 establishes a private provider fee of \$273 per applicable discipline when a private provider performs inspection services and \$446 per applicable discipline when the private provider performs both inspection and plan review services. For commercial projects, the required reductions result in fees of \$205 per applicable discipline after the twenty-five percent reduction and \$223 per applicable discipline after the fifty percent reduction. Single trade inspections conducted by private provider will be charged the current minimum permit fee of \$131.

- 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.

The City will continue to incur administrative, clerical, record keeping, and supervisory costs associated with processing private provider permit applications. The proposed fees are intended to recover those costs.



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

The number of businesses likely to be impacted cannot be projected because it will depend on future permit activity and the number of applicants electing to use private providers.

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

N/A