



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 3 | Date: 4/08/2025

AMENDING DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING CLARIFYING LANGUAGE TO DISTINGUISH PRIVATE SEWERS FROM PUBLIC SEWERS AND SERVICE LATERALS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALONG WITH ADDING ENFORCEABLE REQUIREMENTS, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary: _____

CAM#: 26-0194 Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

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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 28 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances to clarify definitions and responsibilities related to sewer infrastructure, including distinctions between private and public sewers and service laterals.

- 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 is no direct economic impact to businesses by approving this ordinance. The payment for a sewer lateral connection will remain a cost to the business. This ordinance requires the business to pay the City to make the sewer connection from the public right-of-way to private property. The previous ordinance required the business to pay a private contractor to connect to the sewer in the public right-of-way.

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

Sec. 28-76. – Wastewater user rates. (6) states “Sewer Service Connection Fee. Consumers requesting a new or relocated sewer lateral shall pay the City the cost of adding the new lateral.”

- 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.**

No significant additional regulatory costs are anticipated. Any revenue would be limited to existing service connection fees intended to recover the cost of providing the service.

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

A limited number of businesses may be impacted, primarily those requiring new or modified sewer connections or those responsible for maintaining privately owned sewer infrastructure.

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

This ordinance improves clarity and consistency within the Code and strengthens enforceability by clearly defining ownership and maintenance responsibilities.