



Business Impact Estimate

This form must be posted on the city's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published for public hearing.

The following Business Impact Estimate is hereby provided for the following ordinance in accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes and represents the City of Clearwater's good faith estimate of the business impact of said ordinance.

Note: Business Impact Estimates are not required for the following types of ordinances:

1. Ordinances required for compliance with federal or state law or regulation;
2. Ordinances relating to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
3. Ordinances relating to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
4. Ordinances 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 a municipal government;
5. Emergency ordinances;
6. Ordinances relating to procurement; or
7. Ordinances enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Section 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes;
 - 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;
 - 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.

1. Proposed Ordinance title:

ORDINANCE NO. 9805-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA MAKING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, DIVISION 12. LANDSCAPING/TREE PROTECTION, DIVISION 14. PARKING AND LOADING, AND DIVISION 15. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 8-102. DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING APPENDIX A, SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES, SECTION V. BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING APPENDIX B, US 19 ZONING DISTRICT AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, DIVISION 5. SITE DESIGN STANDARDS; CERTIFYING CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND

PROPER ADVERTISEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare):

TA2024-07002 - Proposed Ordinance 9805-25 proposes to amend to the Community Development Code to establish standards for artificial turf, require landscaped areas in front yards for residentially zoned properties, clarify the use of nonliving landscape materials, and make other associated updates.

3. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit business in the City of Clearwater, if any:

a. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

Any business that currently has artificial turf installed would be considered noncompliant under this ordinance. However, this ordinance would allow those businesses to keep the artificial turf, provided it is properly maintained. The only cost to the business would be for ongoing maintenance, which would have been required even before the ordinance. The city will review each business individually when new site improvements are proposed.

If a business has installed artificial turf within the right-of-way (ROW), an after-the-fact ROW permit will be required, with a fee of \$125 for commercial properties.

b. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible for; and

This ordinance establishes a new \$200 permit fee for artificial turf, which will apply to any business that chooses to apply for the permit.

c. An estimate of the City of Clearwater's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

This ordinance does not introduce any additional regulatory costs. It establishes an artificial turf permit primarily aimed at residential users, with limited impact on businesses. The permit offers an optional benefit for businesses, with the application fee intended to cover the staff time needed for permit review and property inspections. The city does not foresee the need for additional staff to handle permit reviews or ensure code compliance.

4. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinances:

There are estimated to be 25 businesses that are likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance. As stated above, this is an optional benefit, not a requirement.

5. Additional information the governing body deems useful (is any):

The primary focus and likely user group of this ordinance is residential, although businesses are not excluded.