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. 9805-25

   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):**

This ordinance establishes standards for the installation of artificial turf within the city's landscape code, including: where it can be installed; design / material standards; permitting via building permit which can be applied for by a contractor, professional installer, or homeowner; installation standards, such as those that must be met for artificial turf to be treated as pervious, and how tree preservation will be handled; maintenance requirements; and how existing artificial turf installation will be handled (allowed to stay). The city's Community Development Code is a redevelopment code, and beautification of the city is a high priority, as is the preservation of natural resources and the aesthetic character of the community for both the resident and tourist populations.

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;**

   Outside of the cost for the materials and installation in a code-compliant manner, direct costs include the payment of an artificial turf permit fee (new) and a right-of-way permit fee (existing), applicable if artificial turf is proposed to be installed within the right-of-way. Businesses who wish to install artificial turf are anticipated to primarily use professional installers or contractors, but this is not a cost incurred only because of this ordinance.

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

   The proposed artificial turf permit fee is $200.00. Current right-of-way permit fees are $25.00 for residential properties and $125.00 for commercial properties.

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

   The city does not project that this new regulation will generate revenue, as that is not the intent for this ordinance change. The proposed artificial turf permit fee is expected to cover staff review time, which will involve representatives from land resources (arborists), engineering and zoning, as well as final inspection to confirm proper installation. Support staff, including permit technicians, will assist with permit processing.

   To ensure artificial turf is being maintained properly or is brought into compliance, code inspector time may be needed in the long term; however, this will be addressed by the existing staff as part of their daily work.

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

An estimated 5-10 businesses in the first year may apply to install artificial turf, with others in upcoming years.

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

    This ordinance was developed with the assistance of persons in the artificial turf industry. Additionally, city staff researched what other jurisdictions currently require as a foundation for certain proposed standards. Staff also gained insights from those regarding what they might seek to modify if given the opportunity so that their requirements functioned better for all parties (city and property owners). This ordinance is intended to provide clear standards without creating an undue burden of process. This is captured in the proposed approach to permitting, installation, and inspections.