



Business Impact Estimate

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the city of Clearwater is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- 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 municipal government;
- 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;
 - d. Section 553.73, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Proposed ordinance's title:

Ordinance No. 9774-24,
AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A – SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES, ARTICLE XXIV PUBLIC WORKS – FEES, RATES AND CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION (3)E STORMWATER UTILITY RATES; AMENDING SECTION 32.244 TO ALLOW FOR BILLING A PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE SERVICES OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE USE OF OTHER UTILITY SERVICES AT THE PROPERTY.



In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the city of Clearwater hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare): Adopting a five-year schedule of stormwater utility rates pursuant to a Revenue Sufficiency Analysis completed by Stantec. The rate increases are necessary to fund projected operating and capital needs of the Stormwater Utility, necessary of the public purposes of flood protection and drainage, water quality, habitat restoration, and erosion/sedimentation control. The additional amendment to allow for billing a property owner is necessary to assist in funding operating and capital needs of the Stormwater Utility in a fair and equitable manner, and is necessary for the public purposes of flood protection and drainage, water quality, habitat restoration, and erosion/sedimentation control.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the city of Clearwater, if any: Impact of rate increases: Businesses will be subject to an annual 8% increase in stormwater utility fees on October 1 of years 2024 thru 2028. Total estimated impact on all city private businesses combined ranges from \$900 thousand in year 1 to \$1.2 million in year 5 for the five annual rate increases. Annual impact of change to allow billing of a property owner on private for-profit business is estimated to be in the range of \$200 thousand to \$300 thousand annually.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: Annual rate increases: 4,170. Change to allow billing of a property owner: 700

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): n/a