

Business Impact Estimate

Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes

This Business Impact Statement concerns a proposed ordinance of the City of Tampa, Florida, the title of which is as follows:

Insert Proposed Ordinance Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF TAMPA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3, SECTION 22-308, "TREES, SHRUBBERY, ETC., OBSTRUCTING VISION OF DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES DECLARED IN VIOLATION."; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Based on a review of the proposed ordinance (choose one):

☐ The City has determined that the statutory exemption(s) identified below apply to the proposed ordinance and no Business Impact Estimate is required.

☐ The City has determined that the statutory exemption(s) identified below apply to the proposed ordinance; however, the City has prepared the Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy to avoid procedural issues that could affect the enactment of the proposed ordinance.

☒ The City has prepared a Business Impact Estimate pursuant to section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

Exemptions:

☐ If one or more boxes are checked below, this means that the City has determined that 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 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, F.S., and development agreements as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act (ss. 163.3220-163.3243, FS);
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the City;
 - 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.

Business Impact Estimate:

The City provides the following Business Impact Estimate, which may be revised following its initial posting:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (please include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare): This ordinance will prohibit the placement or maintenance of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that obstruct a driver's view at street intersections, driveways, or alleys within the City of Tampa. Its purpose is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring motorists have clear visibility of approaching vehicles and traffic-control devices, thereby reducing roadway hazards and improving overall traffic safety.
2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the city, if any: It is unlikely that a business will incur any direct compliance costs.
 - a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur, a business is unlikely to incur direct compliance costs under this ordinance because the ordinance simply requires property owners to ensure that landscaping or objects near intersections do not obstruct driver visibility a

condition most businesses already meet through routine maintenance of their grounds. Since no new equipment, fees, or operational changes are mandated, compliance generally involves only continuing existing landscaping practices rather than taking on new expenses.

- b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and there is no charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance, and businesses are not financially responsible for any new costs. The ordinance simply requires maintaining clear visibility at intersections, something typically already incorporated into routine landscaping and property-maintenance practices so no additional fees or financial obligations are introduced.
 - c) An estimate of the city's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new changes or fees to cover such costs. This ordinance does not impose any charges or fees, and therefore no regulatory cost recovery through fees applies.
3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: A good-faith estimate would be that very few businesses are likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance. Because this ordinance applies only when vegetation or objects on a property obstruct a driver's view at an intersection, driveway, or alley, it generally affects only those businesses whose landscaping is positioned near these sight-visibility areas, and most commercial properties already maintain clear sightlines as part of normal site-design and maintenance practices.
4. Additional information the City deems useful (if any): Type response here (or N/A).

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