**Business Impact Estimate**

*This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the [City’s/Town’s/Village’s] website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.*

Proposed ordinance’s title/reference:

**Hypothetical Proposed Ordinance 23-100 Building Permit Fees**

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/Town/Village] is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law[[1]](#footnote-1) for the proposed ordinance, but the [City/Town/Village] is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of 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;

[x]  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

[x]  The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;

b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;

c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or

d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the [City/Town/Village] 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):

Ordinance 23-100 would increase the current basic building permit fee applicable to residential dwelling construction from $32 per 100 square feet to the proposed $36 per 100 square feet. It is estimated this increase will add an additional $400 per year to pay the costs of processing building permits, conducting related reviews and making related inspections. The public purpose of the ordinance is to offset the [City/Town/Village’s] costs of processing building permits, conducting related reviews and making related inspections, thereby protecting public safety and ensuring compliance with the Florida Building Code.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the [City/Town/Village], including the following, if any:

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

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

(c) An estimate of the [City’s/Town’s/Village’s] regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The adoption of Ordinance 23-100 will directly increase the fees paid to construct new dwelling units and will result in additional money for building permit processing. Currently, the average levy is $484, which represents an approximately 1,500-square-foot housing unit. The change from $32 to $36 represents a 12.5% increase. The direct impact of this change is anticipated to be an increase of $60 per average housing unit.

Ordinance 23-100 does not create a new fee or charge. It would increase the current basic building permit fee applicable to residential dwelling construction from $32 per 100 square feet to the proposed $36 per 100 square feet.

The proposed change in the residential construction fee presents no significant foreseeable or anticipated cost or decrease in the [City/Town/Village’s] regulatory costs. Ordinance 23-100 would increase the current basic building permit fee applicable to residential dwelling construction from $32 per 100 square feet to the proposed $36 per 100 square feet. It is estimated this increase will add an additional $400 per year to pay the [City/Town/Village’s] costs of processing building permits, conducting related reviews and making related inspections.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

The [City/Town/Village] issued \_\_\_ permits for residential dwelling unit construction in FY \_\_\_. The estimated number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance cannot be quantified at this time because the number of businesses likely to be impacted by Ordinance 23-100 will depend on how many businesses seek residential dwelling building permits following the effective date of the ordinance.

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

[*You may wish to include in this section the methodology or data used to prepare the Business Impact Estimate. For example: [City/Town/Village] staff solicited comments from businesses in the [City/Town/Village] as to the potential impact of the proposed ordinance by contacting the chamber of commerce, social media posting, direct mail or direct email, posting on [City/Town/Village] website, public workshop, etc. You may also wish to include efforts made to reduce the potential fiscal impact on businesses. You may also wish to state here that the proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated (individuals as well as businesses) and, therefore, the proposed ordinance does not affect only businesses*).

1. See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)