

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: **Ordinance No. 2024-743**

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) related to Base Flood Elevation standards for buildings, structures, and manufactured homes, as more specifically described in this ordinance; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

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 law¹ 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;
- 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. 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.

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

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):

The changes will modify the Land Development Code to be consistent with a recent change in Federal rule regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations governing floodplain protection. The goal the new rule is to improve the resilience of HUD-assisted and financed projects to natural disasters. [24 CFR Parts 50, 55, 58 and 200]. The new Federal rule establishes new minimum property standards within high risk floodplain for all new construction and substantial improvement, including a finished floor elevation of 2 feet above the base flood elevation. The proposed changes were approved by City Plan Board on 10/01/2024

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

The economic impact to private business is expected to be minimal because any additional construction costs will be passed on to the owner/buyer.

There will be no changes to fees levied by the City for permit review and there will be no additional revenue to the City.

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

56 - based on the number of residential building contractors who are members on the Builders Association of North Central Florida

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

This change is generally applicable because it affects homeowners and renters as well as businesses. Properties not compliant with the new Federal rule would not be eligible for HUD's mortgage insurance and low rent public housing programs. Properties compliant with the new rule will be less susceptible to damage from flooding.