



## **THE CITY OF COCOA**

### **BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE** **PURSUANT TO F.S. 166.041(4)**

*This form should be included in the agenda packet with the proposed ordinance to be considered. It must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to Section 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes.*

**City Council Meeting Dates:** December 10, 2024  
**Ordinance Number:** 18-2024  
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This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

#### **TREE PROTECTION**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA REGARDING TREE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION; AMENDING PROCEDURES RELATED TO WAIVERS OF TREE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Parts I-IV below are not required to be completed if the ordinance involves any one of the following types of exemptions. Please check if applicable:**

- ☐ 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, 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.

#### **Part I.**

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose:

(Address the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City of Cocoa.)

This amendment aims to update tree preservation and replacement requirements, particularly for palm trees, and to clarify that the appropriate boards and the City Council will oversee waiver-related decisions.

#### **Part II.**

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Cocoa: (*fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write "not applicable"*)

(a) Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

Not applicable. Tree replacement standards are modified to relax the replacement standards for palm trees.

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(b) Identification of any new charges or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

See above. Replacement costs for palm trees are anticipated to be reduced.

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(c) An estimate of the City of Cocoa's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.  
Not applicable

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**Part III.**

Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:  
Not applicable. Tree removal permits fees and land use application fees remain unchanged.

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**Part IV. Additional Information the City Council may find useful (if any):**


*This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.*