



Business Impact Estimate

Pursuant to F.S. 166.041(4), 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 of Sarasota's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

As approved as part of SB170 and effective October 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, the City is required to prepare a business impact estimate prior to enacting an ordinance, subject to exemptions noted in the Law. It adds to the process for local governments passing ordinances and gives certain additional rights to those challenging local ordinances. The bill requires a "business impact estimate" before passing an ordinance, with exceptions.

Effective October 1, 2024, updated laws will go into effect during the 2024 State Legislative Session. Senate Bill 1628 was signed by Florida's Governor on May 6, 2024. The bill eliminates the exemption from the requirement to file a business impact estimate for ordinances relating to a comprehensive plan amendment or land development regulation initiated by a municipality or county.

Proposed Ordinance – Title / Reference
<p>Ordinance Number 25-5577</p> <p>AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA (A/K/A THE SARASOTA CITY PLAN) TO REVISE THE TEXT OF ACTION STRATEGY 4.15 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE CHAPTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE ZONING CODE RATHER THAN THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN IS THE DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS THE OFFICIAL MAP OF PRIMARY GRID STREETS AND TO RELOCATE THE MODIFIED TEXT OF SAID ACTION STRATEGY FROM OBJECTIVE 4 "DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN" TO OBJECTIVE 2 "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>
<p>1. Summary of the Proposed Ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as service the public health, safety, orals, and welfare).</p> <p>This proposed text amendment addresses an inconsistency between the City Comprehensive Plan and the City Zoning Code. The Comprehensive Plan references the Downtown Master Plan as the document that identifies certain streets as "Primary Grid" Streets; however, the Zoning Code contains the official map of Primary Grid Streets that has been updated since the adoption of the Downtown Master Plan and officially identifies Primary Grid Streets.</p> <p>Currently, Future Land Use Action Strategy 4.15 identifies that certain streets known as Primary Grid streets are identified in the Downtown Master Plan; however the text in this Action Strategy should be changed from the Downtown Master Plan to the Zoning Code. This change will clarify that the Zoning Code contains the official "Primary Grid Street Map" and that the Downtown Master Plan, which was never incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, should not be used to identify the existing streets that are currently designated as Primary Grid streets. The text amendment also proposes to relocate the modified text from Future Land Use Objective 4 "Downtown Master Plan" to Future Land Use Objective 2 "Land Development Regulations (LDRs)" because the Action Strategy now relates to the Zoning Code and not to the Downtown Master Plan. The public purpose of the proposed ordinance is to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan correctly identifies the Zoning Code as the official document which identifies Primary Grid Streets.</p>
<p>2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Sarasota if any:</p> <p>A. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;</p>
<p>There are no costs that businesses may reasonably incur by adoption of the proposed ordinance.</p>
<p>B. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and</p>
<p>There are no new charges or fees imposed by the proposed ordinance.</p>

C. An estimate of the City of Sarasota regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.
There are no regulatory costs associated with the proposed ordinance.
3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.
It is anticipated that no businesses will be impacted by the proposed ordinance which clarifies that the Zoning Code identifies Primary Grids Street rather than the Downtown Master Plan.
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 of Sarasota staff solicited comments from businesses in the City of Sarasota 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 the City of Sarasota's 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.