



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

ORDINANCE NO. 26-5585

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 29.6, ENTITLED "SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS", AMENDING DEFINITIONS, APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; CREATING SECTION 29.6-8 SPECIAL EVENTS LASTING MORE THAN NINETY-SIX HOURS; CREATING SECTION 29.6-9 PERTAINING TO LITTER AT SPECIAL EVENTS; CREATING SECTION 29.6-10 PERTAINING TO CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS; CREATING SECTION 29.6-11 PERTAINING TO SECURITY DEPOSITS; CREATING SECTION 29.6-12 PERTAINING TO INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY INSURANCE; CREATING SECTION 29.6-13 PERTAINING TO NONPROFIT SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT STATUS; AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 20, SECTION 6 AND SECTION 7 PERTAINING TO SOUND PERMITTING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22 AND SECTION 23 PERTAINING TO SPECIAL EVENTS; DELETING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23.5 PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL VENDING DURING SPECIAL EVENTS; AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 30 SECTION 21 AND SECTION 23 PERTAINING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY USAGE PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE CHAPTER 33, SECTION 121 PERTAINING TO VALET PARKING AT SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS HEREOF IF DECLARED INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Summary of the Proposed Ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as service the public health, safety, morals, and welfare).

The proposed ordinance amends the City's Special Events ordinance to streamline processes ensuring public health and safety through proper procedures. This ordinance will enhance the planning and execution of special events using City services, thereby efficiently serving public health, safety, and welfare.

1) An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Sarasota if any:

A. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

Special Events are voluntary, so businesses incur no mandatory compliance costs from this Ordinance.

B. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

The Ordinance does not introduce any new charges or fees for businesses.

C. An estimate of the City of Sarasota regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The Ordinance does not alter any regulatory costs or fees for the City of Sarasota.

2) Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.

The number of businesses affected by this Ordinance, which regulates special events on City property, is currently unknown. This regulation codifies certain permitting requirements, including security deposits, insurance, and cleanup responsibilities.

3) 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.

Over the past year, numerous public meetings and workshops have been held to discuss and review the Ordinance.