



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 2 | Date: 8/23/2024

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary: <u>Creating an EMS Dependent Special District</u>	OFR <input type="checkbox"/>
CAM#: <u>25-0176</u> Meeting Date: <u>2/18/2025</u>	OSR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Yvette Matthews</u>	Yvette W. Matthews <small>Digitally signed by Yvette W. Matthews Date: 2025.01.31 09:33:36 -05'00'</small>
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City Attorney/Designee Name	Signature

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more statements in the section below apply, a Business Impact Estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance.

- 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 city;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 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, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code

The provisions as indicated above constitute exemptions as provided in Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Should any such exemption be applicable, then the provisions found in Section A below are not applicable.



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Section A

- 1. Summary of the proposed ordinance, to include the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City.**

An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) special district is being established to provide a dedicated funding source for the provision of EMS services within the boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale and, when beneficial to the district, extend services beyond its boundaries through strategic contracts.

- 2. Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City.**

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.**

Businesses within the City will not incur any compliance costs.

- b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.**

This ordinance will grant the Fort Lauderdale City Commission with the authority to levy a new ad valorem tax - which businesses would be, in part, responsible for paying. The ordinance limits the tax rate to an amount not to exceed one dollar per thousand dollars of non-exempt assessed valuation.

- c. An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.**

The City may be required to pay 2% of any revenue generated through an EMS tax as an allowance for the tax collector's administrative fees. An example millage of 0.6891 would generate approximately \$38,349,275 in revenue for the City which may result in \$766,986 in regulatory costs. The EMS District would also be required to pay an annual fee of \$175 to the State of Florida under the Special District Accountability Program.

- 3. Good faith estimates of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance.**

All businesses that currently pay municipal property taxes to the City of Fort Lauderdale would be impacted by this ordinance - if the City Commission sets an ad valorem rate above zero.

- 4. Any additional information the City may deem to be useful.**

This ordinance creates the dependent special district and gives the City Commission the authority to levy an EMS tax. The City Commission would ultimately decide on setting a maximum millage rate in July 2025.