

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES TO BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025 AS TO WHETHER THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECT: AMEND PARAGRAPH (5) OF SECTION 7 “ELECTIONS” OF THE CHARTER FOR THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD TO BE THE TOWN CANVASSING BOARD FOR ALL UNIFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM CANVASSING; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, CODIFICATION, AND 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 Town of Loxahatchee Groves is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for 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*.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves hereby publishes the following information:

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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 Town, through referendum, amended its Charter to provide that the Supervisor would determine the composition of the Town canvassing board and designate the Supervisor as the official Supervisor of the uniform municipal elections for the Town. The Supervisor has since clarified that the Town Clerk should continue to be the supervisor of the Town's elections, including publishing notices, as appropriate, and being responsible for qualifying. The Supervisor has requested that the Town designate the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board to serve as the Town's canvassing board during Uniform Municipal Elections. This request is consistent with the opinion of the State of Florida Division of Elections that where a city and county election appear on the same ballot, the county canvassing board is the only appropriate canvassing and certifying authority.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, if any:

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
- (c) An estimate of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

None.

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

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