



# LOXAHATCHEE GROVES FLORIDA

## BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE STATEMENT

### ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, REORGANIZING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14 “CODE ENFORCEMENT”, BY ADDING ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL” AND ARTICLE II “LIEN REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES”; AMENDING SECTION 14-4 “APPLICATION FOR RELIEF FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN” TO PROVIDE GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO LIEN/FINE REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES; TO ADOPT SECTION 14-5 “SPECIAL MAGISTRATE LIEN REDUCTIONS AND RELEASES” TO ADDRESS REDUCTIONS BY SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; TO ADOPT SECTION 14-6 “OTHER LIEN RELEASES” TO ADDRESS PARTIAL RELEASES OF LIENS AND RELEASES OF UNENFORCEABLE LIENS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, 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 law<sup>1</sup> for the proposed ordinance, but the Town is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of 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 hereby publishes the following information:

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<sup>1</sup> See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.



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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 proposed ordinance provides further definition and framework to the process of seeking a code enforcement fine/lien reduction and puts limits on the magistrate's ability to recude reduce a fine/lien. The purpose of the ordinance is to improve the effectiveness of the Town's Code Enforcement process.

2. **An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the Town, 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's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.**

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

No business will be impacted unless and until they are subject to the code enforcement process and are subject to a fine or lien. All businesses that incur a fine or lien in the code enforcement process will be impacted. The number of businesses will self-select as to whether they comply with the Town's Code of Ordinances. There is no data to extrapolate how many businesses will be affected as the purpose of the ordinance is to encourage compliance with the Town's Code and code enforcement process.

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