

Business Impact Estimate

ORDINANCE 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING CHAPTER 27 “FIREWORKS” TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, 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 [City/Town/Village] is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the [City/Town/Village] 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 [City/Town/Village] hereby publishes the following information:

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare): **This ordinance creates Chapter 27 of the Town Code, regulating the use and discharge of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices within the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. Its public purpose is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by reducing fire risks and preventing harm to animals and property in the rural and equestrian-centered community.**

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the [City/Town/Village], if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
No significant compliance costs are expected for businesses, as the ordinance mainly restricts individual and unauthorized private use of fireworks.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
No new charge or fee is imposed on businesses, except for voluntary permitting of public displays, which are subject to standard application and safety compliance costs.

(c) An estimate of the [City's/Town's/Village's] regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.
Minimal; enforcement will be incorporated into existing code and law enforcement duties with no new fees or revenue streams created.

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

Approximately 2–5 event-based or seasonal vendors may be modestly affected. The overall business community is not expected to be significantly impacted.

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

The ordinance was drafted based on documented resident complaints and safety data from the National Fire Protection Association. It is a generally applicable ordinance with uniform enforcement across individuals and businesses.