



Business Impact Estimate

Consistent with the posting requirement set forth in Section 125.66(3)(a), F.S., the County hereby publishes the following BIE information for this proposed ordinance on its website for public viewing and consideration on this 1st day of April, 2025:

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE PASCO CONTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE PASCO COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO INCREASE FIRE COMBAT AND RESCUE IMPACT FEES BEYOND THE PHASE-IN LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 163.31801(6), FLORIDA STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 103.1 JURISDICTIONAL APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 1302.6 FIRE COMBAT AND RESCUE SERVICE IMPACT FEES, TO MAKE SUCH SECTION CONSISTENT WITH THE 2024 FIRE COMBAT AND RESCUE SERVICE IMPACT FEE STUDY AND TO ADOPT SUCH STUDY; TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FIRE COMBAT AND RESCUE SERVICE IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE INTERNAL CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; INCLUSION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 adopts a 2024 study regarding Fire Combat and Rescue Service Impact Fees on new Business Construction to finance new Fire Combat and Rescue Facilities and Equipment necessitated by such new Building Construction, updating Ordinance No. 04-02. Amendments to the Pasco County Land Development Code to increase Fire Combat and Rescue Impact Fees beyond the phase-in limitations in section 163.31801(6), Florida Statutes; Amendments to section 1302.6 Fire Combat and Rescue Service Impact Fees, making such section consistent with said 2024 Fire Combat and Rescue Service Impact fee study. This serves a public purpose and the public health, safety, morals and welfare by managing growth and providing a means to provide the necessary public facilities, equipment, and imposition of impact fees to fund the capital cost of facilities and equipment by such development, thereby requiring further growth to contribute its fair share of the costs necessary to fund required capital improvements and additions consistent with sound and generally accepted growth management, fiscal and public administration practices and principles.



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

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

Existing businesses and businesses occupying existing buildings are not affected. Applicants after July 1, 2025, seeking to develop land or make improvements to real property (developers) for new residential growth:

- Fire Combat Impact Fees increase from \$248.45 to \$416.00 in residential per dwelling unit, increase from \$324.33 to \$362.00 in non-residential per 1,000 square feet;
- Rescue Service Impact Fees increase from \$171.94 to \$258.00 in residential per dwelling unit, and decrease from \$224.44 to \$224.00 in non-residential per 1,000 square feet.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

The proposed ordinance does not impose a new charge or fee. It increases existing impact fees for new non-residential development as described in 2(a).

(c) An estimate of Pasco County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The cost to complete the 2024 Fire Combat and Rescue Service Impact Fee Study was \$23,233. This cost is included in the County's regulatory cost estimate.

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

In fiscal year 2023–2024, 308 businesses paid the non-residential and rescue impact fee. The proposed ordinance will apply to all individuals or entities, including businesses, that invoke the sections of the Pasco County Code of Ordinances amended by this ordinance.