

City of Lake Alfred, Florida
Business Impact Estimate
§166.041(4), Fla. Stat. (2024)

On October 1, 2023, Senate Bill 170 (“SB 170”), *Chapter 2023-309, Laws of Florida*, was enacted amending Section 166.041, Florida Statutes, requiring a local government to prepare a *business impact estimate* before the enactment of an ordinance.

On October 1, 2024, Senate Bill 1628 (“SB 1628”), as codified under *Chapter 2024-145, Laws of Florida*, becomes effective and further amends Section 166.041, Fla. Stat. (2023).

This *City of Lake Alfred Business Impact Estimate* (“BIE”) is provided in accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes (2024); and Section 166.041(a) of the Florida Statutes states, in pertinent part, as follows:

Before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, the governing body of a municipality shall prepare or cause to be prepared a *business impact estimate* in accordance with this subsection. The *business impact estimate* **must be** posted on the municipality’s website *no later than the date the notice of proposed enactment is published pursuant to paragraph (3)(a)¹* and must include all of the following:

1. A summary of the Ordinance, including a statement of the *public purpose* to be served by the Ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the *City of Lake Alfred, Florida*.
2. An *estimate of the direct economic impact* of the Ordinance on *private, for-profit businesses in the City of Lake Alfred, Florida*, including the following, if any:
 - a. An estimate of *direct compliance costs* that businesses may reasonably incur if the Ordinance is enacted;
 - b. Identification of any *new charge or fee on businesses* subject to the Ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
 - c. An *estimate of the municipality’s regulatory costs*, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.
3. A *good faith estimate* of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the Ordinance.
4. Any additional information the *City Commission of the City of Lake Alfred* determines may be useful.

If one (1) or more boxes are checked below, this means the *City of Lake Alfred* is of the view that a *business impact estimate* is not required pursuant to applicable Florida law; however, the *City of Lake Alfred* is,

¹ Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or ordinances initiated by the municipality that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to §166.041(3)(c), *Fla. Stat. (2024)*.

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nevertheless, providing this BIE to avoid any procedural issue(s) that may impact the enactment of *City of Lake Alfred Ordinance No. 1570-25* (hereafter the “Ordinance”).

This BIE may be revised following its initial posting.

- The Ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The Ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The Ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The 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 of Lake Alfred, Florida*;
- The Ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The Ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The Ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. *Development orders and development permits*, as those terms are defined in §163.3164, *Florida Statutes (2024)*, and *development agreements*, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under §§ 163.3220 – 163.3243, *Florida Statutes (2024)*;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments *initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality*;
 - b. §§ 190.005 and 190.046, *Florida Statutes (2024)*;
 - c. §553.73, *Florida Statutes (2024)*, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. §633.202, *Florida Statutes (2024)*, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Notwithstanding the identified and noted exemption(s) above, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of §166.041(4), *Florida Statutes (2024)*, and applicable Florida law, the *City of Lake Alfred* hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the Ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

This administrative ordinance the City’s Charter to move the City’s regular municipal election date from the first Tuesday in April in even and odd years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, beginning in November 2027.

The purpose is to:

- Align municipal election dates with the standard election cycle used by other Florida municipalities to improve voter participation and election efficiency.
- Provide sufficient coordination time with the Polk County Supervisor of Elections; and

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- Reduce administrative costs associated with stand-alone municipal elections. It positively impacts the general welfare of the public.

The ordinance also allows for a temporary extension of current elected officials' terms in order to effectuate the orderly transition necessitated by the new election date schedule.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the Ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the *City of Lake Alfred, Florida*, if any:

This ordinance pertains only to municipal election scheduling and does not impose any operational or financial requirements on private businesses.

Estimated Impact:

- Direct Costs to Businesses: \$0
- Indirect Costs to Businesses: \$0
- New Fees or Charges: None
- Compliance Requirements: None

No private businesses will be required to take any action, submit documentation, or alter operations as a result of this ordinance.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed *City of Lake Alfred Ordinance No. 1570-25*:

Estimated number of impacted businesses: 0

There is no anticipated impact on any for-profit business operating within the City of Lake Alfred or its service area.

4. Additional information the *City Commission of the City of Lake Alfred* deems useful (if any):

The ordinance is administrative in nature. The proposed changes were made at the request of the Polk County Supervisor of Elections Office.

- Estimated Implementation Costs: Minimal staff time for public notice, coordination with the Supervisor of Elections, and codification (estimated under \$500).
- Estimated Revenue or Savings: Potential long-term cost savings through shared election services and improved scheduling efficiency.

The ordinance ensures compliance with applicable state election laws while improving accessibility and turnout in local elections. It has no bearing on private enterprise and is being enacted solely to improve administrative efficiency and voter engagement.

No new revenue, fees, or assessments will be generated.