CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

Rev: 3 | **Date:** 4/08/2025

Proposed Ordinance's Title Summary: Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances to Increase Water Fixed Cost Recovery, Apply Fixed Charges for Multi-Family Based on Units Behind the Meter, Update Irrigation Volumetric Tiers, Update Water Capital Expansion Fee Costs, Update Miscellaneous Fees, and Update Leak and Unusual Consumption Credit Language

CAM#: 26-1042 Meeting Date: November 17, 2026

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Department Director/Designee Name	Signature
Rhonda Montoya Hasan	
City Attorney/Designee Name	Signature

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more statements in the section below apply, a Business Impact Estimate is not required by state law for the proposed ordinance.

- ☐ 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 city;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

    a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243.
    b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality;
    c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
    d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
    e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code

The provisions as indicated above constitute exemptions as provided in Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Should any such exemption be applicable, then the provisions found in Section A below are not applicable.

Section A

1. **Summary of the proposed ordinance, to include the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City.**

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances to correct the wastewater volumetric rate for commercial class accounts.
The public purpose of this ordinance is to implement a revenue-neutral FY 2027 water and wastewater rate structure to ensure sufficient and sustainable revenue to support the utility's operations and infrastructure needs

2. **Estimate of direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City.**

   a. **Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.**

   The proposed ordinance does not enact any new fees but increases the wastewater volumetric rate for commercial class account. If amended, the impacts on commercial class wastewater accounts will be $0.60 per 1,000 gallons.

   b. **Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible.**

   The proposed ordinance does not create any new charge or fee.

   c. **An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.**

   No significant additional regulatory costs are anticipated. The proposed ordinance is intended to produce a revenue-neutral FY 2027 rate structure.

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

   All businesses receiving wastewater services from the City of Fort Lauderdale will be impacted.

4. **Any additional information the City may deem to be useful.**

   This proposed ordinance is the result of a Water and Wastewater Comprehensive Rate Study prepared by Stantec Consulting Services and presented to the City Commission on June 2, 2026.