

City of Rockledge

Business Impact Estimate Form

This Business Impact Estimate Form is provided to document compliance with and exemption from the requirements of Sec. 166.041(4), Fla. Stat. If one or more boxes are checked below under “Applicable Exemptions”, this indicates that the City of Rockledge has determined that Sec. 166.041(4), Fla. Stat., does not apply to the proposed ordinance and that a business impact estimate is not required by law. If no exemption is identified, a business impact estimate required by Sec. 166.041(4), Fla. Stat. will be provided in the “Business Impact Estimate” section below. In addition, even if one or more exemptions are identified, the City of Rockledge may nevertheless choose to provide information concerning the proposed ordinance in the “Business Impact Estimate” section below. This Business Impact Estimate Form may be revised following its initial posting.

Proposed ordinance’s title/reference:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REVISING THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1868 – 2022; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Applicable Exemptions:

- 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:
 - 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;
 - Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality;
 - Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;

- Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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The City of Rockledge hereby publishes the following information:

- 1. A 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 revises the benefit for retirement compensation for elected officials adopted in Ordinance No. 1868 – 2022.

The prior ordinance provided that when any Rockledge elected official has held any elected office for a period of twenty (20) years or more consecutively or cumulatively, such official may voluntarily resign or retire from such elected office with the right to be paid on the official's own request by the City during the remainder of his or her natural life a sum equal to one-half (1/2) of the full amount of the annual or monthly salary that the City was paying said elected official at the time of resignation or retirement.

The proposed ordinance revises the benefit to also provide that when any Rockledge elected official has held any elected office for a period of fifteen (15) years or more consecutively or cumulatively, such official may voluntarily resign or retire from such elected office with the right to be paid on the official's own request by the City during the remainder of his or her natural life a sum equal to one-half (1/4) of the full amount of the annual or monthly salary that the City was paying said elected official at the time of resignation or retirement.

The proposed ordinance also provides that, regardless of the date of resignation or retirement of the elected official, the retirement benefit provided therein shall not begin to accrue or begin to be paid until the elected official has attained the age of 62. In the event an elected official entitled to the retirement benefit provided therein should thereafter hold elected office within the City government, that elected official shall not be entitled to such retirement benefit during the term of such subsequent elected office.

The proposed ordinance serves a public purpose, in that Section 112.048, Florida Statutes, authorizes each city to provide a mechanism of retirement for elected officials.

- 2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the municipality, including the following, if any:**

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted:**

None.

(b) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible:

None.

(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:

None.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

None.

4. Additional information the governing body determines may be useful (if any):

***Note:** The City's provision of information in the Business Impact Estimate section above, notwithstanding an applicable exemption, shall not constitute a waiver of the exemption or an admission that a business impact estimate is required by law for the proposed ordinance. The City's failure to check one or more exemptions below shall not constitute a waiver of the omitted exemption or an admission that the omitted exemption does not apply to the proposed ordinance under Sec. 166.041(4), Fla. Stat., Sec. 166.0411, Fla. Stat., or any other relevant provision of law.*