

BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE

The City provides the following Business Impact Estimate, which may be revised following its initial posting.

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the municipality):

The proposed ordinance amends the City of Eustis Land Development Regulations to prohibit Medical Marijuana Treatment Center dispensing facilities within the City pursuant to Section 381.986(11)(b), Florida Statutes. The ordinance establishes a separate land use classification for such facilities, removes such uses from the definition of “pharmacy,” and prohibits such uses in all land use districts while allowing existing legally established facilities to continue as lawful nonconforming uses. The public purpose served by the proposed ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare through the implementation of consistent land use regulations, preservation of community character, and avoidance of incompatible land use patterns.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:
 - (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur.

The ordinance does not impose additional compliance requirements on existing businesses. No new reporting, operational, or permitting costs are created. Estimated compliance costs: None.

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

The ordinance does not impose any new charges or fees on businesses.

- (c) An estimate of the City’s regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The ordinance does not create new regulatory programs or require additional staffing. Enforcement will be conducted through existing code enforcement processes. Estimated regulatory cost: Minimal and absorbed within existing operations. No new revenue sources are created.

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

The ordinance impacts a limited number of existing facilities currently operating within the City, all of which are permitted to continue as lawful nonconforming uses. The ordinance may impact an indeterminate number of future businesses seeking to locate within the City.

4. Additional information the City deems useful (if any).

The City considered regulatory alternatives, including continued classification as pharmacies and the use of location-based restrictions. The City determined that a uniform prohibition is the most predictable, consistent, and administratively efficient approach authorized under state law.

