



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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**TO:** City Council Regular Session

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2024

**FROM:** L.J. Arnold III, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Consider passage on first reading as to form only, Ordinance No. O-06-2024 to comply with newly enacted Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, requiring a Business Impact Estimate to be prepared and filed on all non-exempt ordinances. *L.J. Arnold III*

### BACKGROUND

The Florida Legislature and Governor were busy during this past legislative session enacting more unfunded mandates that translate into more work and additional liability to local governments. Attached find a summary prepared by Rebecca O'Hara, Deputy General Counsel, FLC, of a few of those new laws. The one exception allows us to continue an ordinance without re-notification under certain circumstances. The most onerous change in the law is discussed in Section 3 of Ms. O'Hara's memorandum and is the subject of the ordinance being now presented. The actual text of these laws is attached hereto for your reference. Several examples of a form for the Business Impact Estimate are also attached and can be easily modified by staff.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Undetermined at this time, but additional staff time will be required to comply with some of these new laws.

### RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve Ordinance No. O-06-2024 on first reading as to form only.