

# **Business Impact Estimate**

## **ORDINANCE 2026-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO THE DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIODS; AMENDING SECTION 3.3, NOMINATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SUBPARAGRAPH (A), FILING, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIOD FROM DECEMBER TO JUNE; AMENDING SECTION 3.4, MANNER OF HOLDING ELECTIONS, SUBPARAGRAPH A, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER TO COINCIDE WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION; AMENDING SECTION 2.2, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CREATED; QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF OFFICE; AND VACANCIES, SUBPARAGRAPH (B), QUALIFICATIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS, AMENDING SECTION 4.8, INDUCTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTO OFFICE; MEETINGS, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS AND INSTALLATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITIONAL TERMS OF OFFICE INCLUDING EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 AND COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 UNTIL NOVEMBER 2027 AND EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2, AND MAYOR-COMMISSIONER UNTIL NOVEMBER 2028; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City of Madeira Beach is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law<sup>1</sup> for the proposed ordinance, but the City of Madeira Beach is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;

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<sup>1</sup> See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- 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:
  - a. Development orders and development permits as those terms are defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and development agreements as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Sections 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes;
  - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party;
  - 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.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City of Madeira Beach hereby publishes the following information:

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

If approved by the electorate, the amendments will align the City's municipal elections with the State of Florida General Election cycle by changing regular municipal elections from March to November, changing the candidate qualifying period from December to June, clarifying that terms of office commence following election certification and installation, modifying induction procedures to ensure consistency with the revised election schedule, and establish transitional term extensions necessary to convert from the March election cycle to a November election cycle. These changes are anticipated to improve election administration, increase voter participation, and provide greater consistency with county and state election processes.

Operationally, the amendments will enhance coordination between the City Clerk's Office and the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections by aligning election scheduling, candidate qualifying, ballot preparation, and certification timelines. The transition to a November election cycle is also expected to streamline election planning and reduce the administrative burden associated with conducting stand-alone municipal elections.

Financially, the City anticipates potential cost savings through participation in the countywide General Election rather than conducting a separate municipal election in March. Consolidating elections may reduce expenses related to election administration, polling locations, election workers, voting equipment, ballot programming, and other election-related services provided by

the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections. Actual savings will vary depending on future election costs and the Supervisor of Elections' cost allocation methodology.

The ordinance also provides for temporary extensions of elected officials' terms solely to facilitate the orderly transition to the new election schedule. These transitional provisions do not create additional elected offices, increase compensation, or expand governmental authority. The temporary extensions are administrative in nature and are necessary to preserve the City's staggered election cycle established by the Charter.

**2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Madeira Beach, if any:**

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
- (c) An estimate of the City of Madeira Beach's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The proposed amendments are not expected to create any adverse impacts on private businesses, commercial activity, or property owners within the City. Instead, the amendments are intended to improve governmental efficiency, promote greater voter engagement, and provide a more cost-effective municipal election process while maintaining continuity in City governance.

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

The proposed amendments are not expected to create any adverse impacts on private businesses, commercial activity, or property owners within the City.

**4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):**

N/A