



City of Panama City

2026 Business Impact Statements

1. **Ordinance 3299 Business Impact Statement. (February 10, 2026, 4:03 p.m.)**

Documents:

[ORDINANCE 3299 BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT.PDF](#)

Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY RAILROAD OWNERS AND OPERATORS OUTSIDE OF THE OPERATIONAL TRACK AND BALLAST ZONE AREA; PROVIDING FOR VEGETATION, DRAINAGE, AND NUISANCE CONTROL OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE BALLAST AREA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, REPEALER PROVISION, CODIFICATION, AND 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 is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ 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 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. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

If no exemption applies, in accordance with the provisions of controlling law, the City 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):

This ordinance serves a public purpose by serving the public health, safety, and welfare of the City to have regular maintenance of the railroad right-of-ways.

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;
- (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's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.:

This ordinance has no direct negative economic impact on private, for-profit businesses in the city.

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

This ordinance will not impact new businesses or future businesses.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any): N/A