

Town of Esto, Florida Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the Town Council agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the Town of Esto website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published, excluding the exceptions provided in 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ESTO, FLORIDA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 WHICH DESIGNATED THE ESTO TOWN COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY; RETURNING LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES TO HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA; CONFIRMING CONTINUED ADOPTION OF THE HOLMES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 Town of Esto is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for 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;
- ☐ 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 s. 163.3164, and, development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243;
 - b. Comprehensive Plan Amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the county;

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

- 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 Town of Esto hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance:

Ordinance 2026-02 rescinds Ordinance No. 2020-01, which had designated the Esto Town Council as the Town's Local Planning Agency. The ordinance returns Local Planning Agency responsibilities to Holmes County, Florida, acting through its Local Planning Agency, as provided in Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes.

The ordinance also confirms that the Town's adoption of the Holmes County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map remains in effect. Nothing in the ordinance repeals or amends the Town's comprehensive plan or future land use map.

The purpose of the ordinance is to provide administrative efficiency, consistency with countywide planning efforts, and appropriate professional support for planning and comprehensive plan functions.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the Town of Esto, if any:

a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

The Town does not anticipate that private, for-profit businesses will incur direct compliance costs as a result of this ordinance. The ordinance does not create new business regulations, licensing requirements, permitting requirements, inspection requirements, reporting requirements, or operational standards for businesses.

Any business or property owner involved in future land use, zoning, comprehensive planning, or development-related matters may interact with Holmes County's Local Planning Agency rather than the Esto Town Council serving in that role. However, the ordinance itself does not impose any new direct compliance cost on businesses.

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

The ordinance does not impose any new charge, tax, fee, assessment, license requirement, or other financial obligation on private, for-profit businesses.

- c) An estimate of the Town of Esto regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The Town does not anticipate any new regulatory costs as a result of this ordinance. The ordinance is expected to reduce or avoid administrative burden on the Town by returning Local Planning Agency responsibilities to Holmes County.

No new Town revenues, charges, or fees are created by the ordinance.

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

The Town estimates that zero private, for-profit businesses are likely to be directly impacted by this ordinance.

Businesses or property owners involved in future planning or development matters may be indirectly affected by having the Holmes County Local Planning Agency perform Local Planning Agency functions for the Town. However, the ordinance does not directly regulate business activity or impose new costs on businesses.

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

This ordinance is administrative in nature and is intended to improve consistency, efficiency, and professional support for local planning functions while maintaining the Town's continued adoption of the Holmes County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.