



## **BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE FORM**

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This Business Impact Estimate is given as it relates to the proposed ordinance titled:

### **Ordinance #2025-33 “Establishing Penalty for Operating Without Valid BTR or CU”**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 41 "TAXATION" ARTICLE III, "BUSINESS TAX" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 41-79 "PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT" TO ESTABLISH A TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$250.00) CODE COMPLIANCE PENALTY FOR BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT AND/OR CERTIFICATE OF USE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

#### **Part I.**

Summary of the proposed ordinance and statement of public purpose<sup>1</sup>:

The proposed ordinance amends Section 41-79 of the City of Doral Code of Ordinances to establish a \$250 Code Compliance fine for businesses found operating without a valid Business Tax Receipt (BTR) and/or Certificate of Use (CU). The fine will be assessed only after a courtesy warning is issued and a formal Notice of Violation is served through the City's Code Enforcement process. This measure provides a clear, consistent penalty for unauthorized business activity and enhances the City's ability to enforce existing licensing requirements efficiently and fairly.

#### **Part II.**

Estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Doral: *(fill out subsections a-c as applicable, if not applicable write “not applicable”)*

- a. Estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the proposed ordinance is enacted:

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<sup>1</sup> Address the public purpose to be served by the proposed ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City of Doral.



There will be no additional compliance cost for businesses that currently hold a valid BTR and/or CU. These businesses already meet the operational standards established under Chapter 41 of the City Code, and the ordinance does not modify or increase existing licensing fees or requirements. Businesses that are found operating without a valid BTR and/or CU will incur a \$250 Code Compliance fine, in addition to the standard costs associated with obtaining the required permits, which vary by business type, size, and use. The ordinance does not create new licensing requirements, expand regulatory scope, or impose recurring costs beyond what is already required under the City Code.

- b. Identification of any new charges or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

N/A – Businesses would only be responsible for any fines incurred for not having the proper licenses. The proposed ordinance introduces one new financial charge applicable only to businesses that are found operating in violation of existing licensing requirements, which is the \$250.00 penalty assessed to any business found to be operating without a BTR and/or CU, and only after an initial warning notice and notice of violation have been issued. No new charges will be assessed for compliant businesses.

- c. An estimate of the City of Doral's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

The implementation of this ordinance will not result in any significant new regulatory costs for the city. The enforcement of the \$250 Code Compliance fine will be carried out by existing personnel within the Code Compliance Department as part of their standard duties under Chapter 11 of the City Code. These duties are already embedded in the department's current operational framework and do not require additional staffing, training, or technological investment.

While the primary purpose of the ordinance is compliance and deterrence, the City does anticipate a modest increase in revenue based on historical and projected enforcement activity.

Assuming the City identifies 100–250 unlicensed business violations per year:

Low estimate (100 violations):  
 $100 \times \$250 = \$25,000$  annually

High estimate (250 violations):  
 $250 \times \$250 = \$62,500$  annually



These revenues will help offset the operational costs associated with code enforcement activities, including field inspections, administrative processing, and hearing preparation. However, because the fine is only imposed on violators and not intended as a general revenue source, actual revenues may decrease over time as compliance improves.

### **Part III.**

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

The City of Doral has approximately 1,498 properties in non-residential zoning districts and 6,142 active business tax receipt (BTR) licenses. While all such businesses fall under the scope of the ordinance, only a fraction are expected to be directly impacted each year through inspections or enforcement actions.

### **Part IV. Additional Information (if any):**

N/A