Business Impact Estimate

Ordinance 2026-15 Amending the Fee Schedule

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the County is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law[1] for the proposed ordinance, but the County 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;

☐ 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 county 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;

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.

[1] See Section 125.66(3)(c), Florida Statutes.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the County 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):

Public Purpose:
Ordinance 2026-16 updates multiple City service fees, structured in Schedules A through I. Updates include administrative fees, utility connection and consumption charges, enforcement fees, solid-waste charges, special event fees, and business tax receipt adjustments. The purpose is to maintain cost recovery, reflect updated service or labor costs, and ensure adequate funding across public health, safety, infrastructure, utility operations, and regulatory functions.

See next sheet for further information--------→

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the County, 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 County's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

Businesses may experience increased costs when using City services impacted by fee changes. Review of the attached ordinance shows increases in:
• Gas rate minimums (residential and commercial)
• Water and wastewater monthly consumption rates (5% annual increase applied)
• Sewer minimum rates for residential, commercial, and industrial users
• Solid waste rate increase (residential only)
• Planning & zoning application fees for development activity
• Code enforcement fees, including inspections, administrative charges, and abatement costs
• Business tax receipts (5% biennial increase capped at $50)
• Special event permit fees depending on crowd size

These adjustments represent **incremental cost increases**, not new categories of fees. Actual cost impact varies by business type (commercial rental, retail, development firms, event organizers, restaurants, apartments, industrial users, etc.)

Direct Compliance Costs:
No new regulatory requirements are created. Businesses only incur direct service-related costs if they choose or require a City service affected by the fee update. Compliance burdens remain unchanged.
New Charges or Fees:
No new categories of fees are created beyond what already existed in Schedules A–I. However, several fees **increase**, including:
• Gas rate minimums revised from $18 → $21 (residential) and $22 → $25 (commercial)
• Water rate tiers adjusted upward (5% increases applied)
• Sewer minimums adjusted upward
• Solid waste base fee increased from $24.06 → $24.67
• Business tax receipts updated per biennial formula-no change 5% Increase every other year with a $50.00 cap starting in 2023
• Planning & zoning fee increases or reconfirmations
• Code enforcement fee adjustments
All increases are documented within each Schedule.
City Regulatory Costs:
The City's cost of regulation is offset by updated fees that better match labor, equipment, and operating expenses. The ordinance does not impose additional inspection, enforcement, or administrative requirements on businesses beyond current practice.

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

The impact depends on the service used:
• **Utility Users:** All commercial water, gas, and sewer customers (likely 20–40 local businesses).
• **Business Tax Receipt:** All businesses operating within City limits.
• **Planning/Zoning Applicants:** Developers and property owners submitting rezonings, subdivisions, site plans, or comprehensive plan amendments.
• **Event Organizers:** Businesses hosting special events using city facilities or requiring public safety support.
• **Code Enforcement Cases:** Businesses subject to code compliance action.
Estimated number of businesses potentially impacted: **up to 40**, based on Crescent City's small commercial base. (Population: **1,719 residents**.)

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

• Fee adjustments ensure proportionality to actual City costs for labor, utilities, public safety, and development review.
• No millage rate or tax changes are part of this ordinance.
• Fee increases follow standardized formulas (e.g., 5% annual utility increase, biennial BTR increase).
• Many fees remain unchanged; some are tied strictly to cost recovery (e.g., cost-basis reproduction fees).

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY, FOR NOISE, NATURAL GAS, GENERAL REPRODUCTION SERVICES, BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS, PLANNING AND ZONING, SPECIAL EVENTS, PARKS, CODE ENFORCEMENT, WATER, WASTEWATER; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR FEE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, SERVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners for the City of Crescent City, Florida, authorized under Florida Statutes and the City Charter for the City of Crescent City to adopt fees necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Crescent City in order to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, Code of Ordinances and provide other basic services, as each may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the provision of services related to the implementation of these regulations cost the City a substantial amount of money; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to recoup a portion of the costs for these services when rendered to a specific person to avoid burdening the 1axpayers with the cost of such services to that person and

WHEREAS, the City recogniz.es that it must balance the cost of the services with the potential impact of the redevelopment of vacant and substandard housing and commercial buildings and lots, which can lead to longer-term sustainable revenue streams that support the City's obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedules do not appear to properly balance the costs to the City and the need to promote redevelopment and revitalization of the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Commission of the City of Crescent City, Florida, in a meeting assembled on the 24th day of September 2026:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE
This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited by the short title of "CRESCENT CITY FEE SCHEDULE".

SECTION 2. FEES
The fees and charges set forth in the attached Schedule "A" through "I" are hereby adopted. Unless otherwise stated in this schedule or the City Commission determines, after a consideration of an application for a fee waiver/reduction at a public meeting, that hardship has been established warranting a lesser fee or the waiver of a fee, fees that are set at $ 100 or less are completely non-refundable, and in all other cases where a refund is requested there shall be a minimum fee of $75.00 that shall be non-refundable in order to cover the administrative costs associated with processing the application and maintaining pertinent records.

SECTION 3. CONFLICT AND REPEAL OF PRIOR FEE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
This Ordinance shall serve to repeal and supersede all prior fee ordinances and resolutions, or portions thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance, including but not limited to the following: Ordinance 2016-01, Ordinance 2023-05, Ordinance 2022-17, Ordinance 2022-21, Ordinance 2022-22, Ordinance 2022-20, Ordinance 2023-11, Ordinance 2024-15 and Ordinance 2025-11.

Fees or fines provided elsewhere in the City's Code of Ordinances not specifically listed in this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY
If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed separate, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance 2026-15 shall take effect upon adoption.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2026.

FIRST READING: approved on this ___ day of _____ 2026.
ADOPTED ON SECOND READING on this ____ day of _____ 2026.

CITY COMMISSION, City of Crescent City, Florida

By: _____
Michele Myers, Mayor

Approved for form and content by:

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Donald Holmes, City Attorney

Attest:

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Derek Martin, City Manager

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY, FLORIDA:

Schedule "A"
Noise Violations and Penalties

First Violation	Written Warning
Second Violation within 12 months of the initial warning	$250.00 Civil Citation
Third Violation within 12 months of the initial warning	$500.00 Civil Citation

Schedule "B" GAS

Service Charge	$85.00
New Customer Startup	$50.00
Labor	$75.00/hr
After Hours Labor	$127.50/hr
Delinquent Customer Startup	$50.00
Small Gas Service (175s – 415) Gas meter only 100' (3/4 inch – 1 inch PE)	$1,000.00
New Lage Gas Service Requiring (Large Case 700 – 1000 Gas Meter) Meter Installation 100' (1 ¼ inch – 2-inch PE)	$1,500.00
New Customer Residential Deposit Owner	$50.00
New Customer Commercial Deposit Rental	$100.00
New Customer Commercial	$100.00 Minimum, otherwise based on 12-month usage x 2 months
Administrative Fee	$50.00
Extra Person	$37.50/hr
Gas Rate Residential Minimum	~~$18.00~~ $21.00
Gas Rate Commercial Minimum	~~$22.00~~ $25.00
Weld Steel Service Tap	$350.00/ Each Tap
Directional Bore Minimum Cost (no Welder on Staff) (sub)	$560.00 Min. (50') $8/lf After Initial Min.

Schedule "C" General
Reproduction Prices

Services	**Fees**
Copies Fax	$0.10 per page $0.20 per page (double-sided) $2.00 for the First Page and $1.00 for Each Additional Page
Copies of the Land Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, and other ordinances	$0.15 per page
Large Document/GIS Maps/Color Copies	Cost Basis
Data in native format	Staff time x $35.00/hour + Materials and supplies = Total Duplication Cost
Media Cost	Cost Basis

Schedule "D"
Business Tax Receipt

Activity	Fee 5% Increase every other year with a $50.00 cap starting in 2023
All businesses, professions, or occupations employing less than ten (10) employees:	$38.59
All businesses, professions, or occupations employing ten (10) or more employees	$105.00
Peddler or solicitor business with no established commercial property or place of business inside the City limits:	$210.00
Each insurance company writing life, fire, accident, health, public liability, indemnity, motor vehicle, industrial, or other type or form of insurance within the City and either represented by a local, traveling, or itinerant agent or representative shall pay:	$38.59
Business premises where coin-operated vending or amusement machines dispense products, merchandise, or services:	$7.88/per machine

Schedule "E"
Planning and Zoning

Application to vacate rights-of-way or plats	$500.00
Developments of Regional Impact (DRI):	
Standard Review Fee:	$7,500 + $1,500 per land use
Notice of Proposed DRI Change Non-substantial Deviation	$2,500
Substantial Deviation	$5,000
Biennial Reports	$500
Services	Fees
Petition for voluntary annexation: One single-family residence All others	$150.00 $400.00
Future Land Use Map Amendments Large Scale Small Scale	 $1,000 $500
Rezoning (other than PUD) Deviation	$700.00 Plus Advertising fee
Rezoning to PUD - Prelim. Development Plan	$2,000 plus Advertising fee
Development Agreements	$750
Conditional Use Permit	$450.00
Appeals	$250 Plus advertising cost
Variance Single Family Residence	$500.00
All others	$350.00
Site Plan Approval Multi-Family and Non-Residential	$2,000 plus the cost of a third-party engineer if necessary
Subdivision	
Preliminary Plat and/or Development Plan	$3,000 plus costs of a third-party engineer if necessary
Final Plat and Construction plans	$2,000 plus costs of a third-party engineer if necessary
Minor Replat (sec. 4.1.2.4, LDC) Minor	$400
Subdivision (sec. 4.3.5, LDC	$500.00
Comprehensive Plan Amendment and/or Amendment to the Crescent City Future Land Use Map Application and review process	$1,000.00 Small Scale $3,000.00 Large Scale Small Scale $300 plus $100/acre Over 1 acre not to exceed $1,000.00

(*Note: Final Plan Review for a PUD will be subject to Development Agreement Fee and Site Plan Approval Fee)
** In addition to application fees, Applicants shall be required to pay any advertising costs and extra-ordinary engineering, mapping, or reproduction costs. Payment of such fees shall be required prior to any formal consideration of the application. All Planning & Zoning fees are non-refundable; fees may be refunded after actual costs incurred are deducted if the application is formally withdrawn within 10 days after submittal. A minimum fee of $75 shall apply in all such cases.

Schedule "F"
Special Events and Parks

The Permit Fee is $50.00 per day with a $100.00 Deposit. The City Commission shall set Daily fees for special events with an estimated attendance of more than 10,000 on any one day.
Fees for services provided by city personnel: The following fees are for law enforcement and fire personnel and city staff/ others assigned to special duty to provide security services for all special events:

Attendance Rate	**Permit Fee**
Class "A" Permit	$300.00
Class "B" Permit	$100.00
Class "C" Permit	$50.00
Law Enforcement personnel (Per Deputy)	$45.00/per hour (three-hour minimum)
Fire personnel (Per Fire Personnel)	$25.00 per hour (two-hour minimum)
Public works personnel (Per Employee)	$50.00 per hour (two-hour minimum)
Other City Personnel (Per Employee)	$30.00 per hour (two-hour minimum)

Schedule "G"
Fees and Charges for the Code Enforcement Division

Activity	**Cost**
Administrative Fees	$22.89/hr.
Hearings Admin Fee	$100/ Per hearing
Normal processing	$50.00/ unit
Up to 5 extra inspections	$25/ per inspection
More than 5 extra inspections	$35/ per inspection
Hearing Preparation	$20.00/hour
Recording	$10.00 first page $8.50 for each additional page
Lot Clearing (ss. 10-20 and 10-21, Code of Ordinances):	$200 plus the actual cost of equipment and wages
Other	Actual Cost of abatement, including but not limited to the cost of labor and equipment, permits, attorney fees, court costs, and the administrative fee
Any Code enforcement action requiring any Court proceedings	Attorney's fees and court costs

Schedule "H"
Solid Waste

Administrative Fee	$2.00
Garbage (Waste Pro) Residential Only	~~$24.06~~ $24.67

Schedule "I"
Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Division

Water Deposit Residential Owner	$75.00
Water Deposit Residential Rental	$200.00
Water Deposit Commercial	$100.00
Water Administrative Fee	$50.00
Water Tie-in Fee (Per Meter Size)	¾" $$500.00 1' $600.00 1 ½" $900.00 2" $1,000.00 4" Cost Basis 6" Cost Basis
Off Temporary Water	$10.00
Turn off due to leak (During Business hours)	$15.00
After Hours (Lead or Service)	$52.50
Sewer Ti-in Fees	$800.00
Service Charge	$50.00
After-Hours Service Charge	$75.00
Inside City Limit Water Rates	5% Increase Annually
First 3000 Gallons Up to 5,000 Gallons Up to 9,000 Gallons Up to 15,000 Gallons Up to 20,000 Gallons Over 20,000 Gallons	~~$28.38~~ $29.80 ~~$3.14~~ $3.30 ~~$3.95~~ $4.15 ~~$4.73~~ $4.97 ~~$5.52~~ $5.80 ~~$6.31~~ $6.63
Outside City Limits Water Rates	5% Increase
First 3000 Gallons Up to 5,000 Gallons Up to 9,000 Gallons Up to 15,000 Gallons Up to 20,000 Gallons Over 20,000 Gallons	~~$35.48~~ $37.25 ~~$3.94~~ $4.14 ~~$4.91~~ $5.16 ~~$5.90~~ $6.20 ~~$6.91~~ $7.26 ~~$7.88~~ $8.27
Sewer Rates	5% Increase
Minimum Rate for Each Residence and Apartment	~~$49.95~~ $52.45
Minimum Rate Commercial Inside the City	~~$59.14~~ $62.10
Minimum Rate Commercial Outside the City	~~$73.93~~ $77.63
Minimum Rate Industrial	~~$2.87~~ $3.01

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