

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
SECTION 166.041(4), FLORIDA STATUTES**

This certificate of compliance with Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, concerns the proposed ordinance of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that can be described as follows:

An ordinance of the city of St. Petersburg, Florida, amending Section 3-7(g)(5) of the City Code relating to procedures for the approval of special events in the EDGE District Specialty Center; and providing an effective date.

Based on a review of that proposed ordinance:

- The City has determined that the statutory exemption(s) identified below apply to the proposed ordinance, and no Business Impact Estimate has been prepared.
- The City has determined that the statutory exemption(s) identified below apply to the proposed ordinance. The City is, nevertheless, providing the Business Impact Estimate below as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance.
- The City has prepared a Business Impact Estimate Pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

**EXEMPTIONS**

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 law 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:
  - 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;
  - Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
  - Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
  - Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE**

The City provides the following Business Impact Estimate, which may be revised following its initial posting:

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

In 2017, the EDGE Business District Association (“Association”) collaborated with the City to create the EDGE District Specialty Center pursuant to Florida Statutes, which is set forth in City Code Section 3-7(g). The specialty center designation allows for the Association to sponsor up to nine (9) special events per calendar year during which patrons of establishments within the defined boundary are free to walkabout with alcoholic beverages (in approved vessels only) on rights-of-way, as the legal premises for alcohol consumption are temporarily expanded to include the entirety of the district. On an annual basis, the Association seeks and obtains City Council approval for several of its signature “Sip and Stroll” events in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Code. Dozens of these events have been held over the years, with increased foot traffic boosting small businesses throughout the EDGE District.

Having already received approval from the Police Department of its required security plan, the Association recently contacted the City to initiate the process for an upcoming event being held in the EDGE District: the CRIT Championships – St. Petersburg, a cycling race anticipated to bring competitors and spectators alike to the neighborhood on October 21, 2023. However, the request was received after the 60-day lead time for approval of a resolution by City Council to invoke the specialty center designation for a special event. In an effort to be responsive to this request, while also retaining the oversight authority necessary to ensure compliance with the procedural requirements of City Code, the limited amendment set forth in the attached ordinance would allow the Association to request a waiver of the 60-day lead time requirement for approval of special events going forward, but only if approved by City Council in the same resolution requesting the special event(s), in City Council’s sole discretion. The waiver provision retains in City Council the

approval authority it currently has, undiminished; it would simply allow for an event to be approved in a shorter amount of time, so long as the request otherwise met the submittal requirements of City Code, including a security plan approved by the Police Department. This waiver provision is consistent with the flexibility seen elsewhere in Section 3-7 regulating permits for consumption of alcohol in the right-of-way, where lead time for such requests is only 30 days and the POD is vested with the authority to shorten that time frame (see, Section 3-7(f)(1)). Should the attached ordinance pass at first reading, a resolution approving a special event for the CRIT Championships will also be on the October 19, 2023 agenda for City Council's consideration.

**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;**

We do not foresee any direct compliance costs for businesses associated with this change to the City Code.

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

The proposed ordinance does not impose any new charges or fees.

**(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.**

There are no regulatory costs associated with this proposed ordinance.

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

There are an estimated 104 active businesses in the EDGE District.

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

If passed, this ordinance is expected to have a positive financial impact on businesses in the EDGE District.