

Business Impact Estimate

Ordinance No. 2026-02 – An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, Revising Chapter 102, Article IV, Division 3, Section 102-187 Schedule of Security Light Rates; Amending the Monthly Security Light Rates for Residential and Commercial Customers; Providing Direction for Codification of This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict; 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 City of Starke is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City of Starke 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 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.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City of Starke hereby publishes the following information:

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

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

Ordinance 2026-01 revises the City of Starke's schedule of security light rates for both residential and commercial electric customers. The ordinance updates monthly charges for security lighting to reflect the actual costs of providing the service. The public purpose of this ordinance is to ensure reliable security lighting for residents and businesses while maintaining the financial sustainability of the City's electric utility.

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

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

Businesses are not expected to incur any compliance costs beyond payment of the updated monthly security light rates if they choose to utilize City-provided security lighting.

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

The ordinance establishes the following monthly security light rates, adjusted to offset the actual cost of providing the lights:

- Residential Electric Customer: \$10.00 per month (previously \$6.00)
- Commercial Electric Customer, 100 Watt Service: \$12.50 per month (previously \$8.50)
- Commercial Electric Customer, 250 Watt Service: \$22.00 per month (previously \$18.00)

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

The updated rates are primarily intended to offset the actual costs of providing and maintaining security lighting, including electricity, maintenance, and administrative costs. Any additional revenue generated would be incidental.

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

Based on City records, approximately 300 security lights (residential and commercial combined) are currently being paid for within the City's electric service territory. Each of these lights will be directly impacted by the updated rates.

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

The City conducted a review of current operational costs and last updated security light rates in 2020. The rate adjustment was calculated specifically to offset the actual costs of providing security lights and does not impose a financial burden beyond cost recovery. This ordinance applies generally to all customers requesting City-provided security lighting and does not single out any specific business or industry. Notification of the rate change will be provided to all affected customers.