



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CAPE CORAL

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Cape Coral City Council

1015 Cultural Park Blvd.

Cape Coral, FL 33990

Dear Mayor, Members of Council and City Staff,

I am writing to you again on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral and our more than 1,100 members, to express our support for a phased mobility fee increase of up to 12.5% annually for both residential and commercial development, in line with Florida state law and as presented in "Ordinance 42-25 9-15-25-Updated."

We believe this approach provides a fair and predictable path to addressing transportation infrastructure needs without stifling the growth of our much-needed commercial tax base.

Commercial development plays a critical role in Cape Coral's future. Expanding our commercial tax base and attracting higher-paying jobs are essential to balancing the city's finances and reducing the heavy reliance on residential taxpayers. Strong commercial growth not only helps fund essential services but also shortens commutes, reduces congestion on our bridges and corridors, and provides opportunities for residents to live and work in the same community.

However, we are concerned that the significant fee increases in the current proposal could deter the very commercial projects that Cape Coral needs most. Excessive costs on new businesses will make it harder to attract investment, and small businesses in particular may be priced out of expansion or relocation opportunities. Over time, this could hinder economic diversification and slow progress toward building a stronger local job base.

Sincerely,

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