

14. FIRST READINGS

As shared last month, I asked Messrs. Barnett and Randolph to survey area localities in order to compare our current fee schedules associated with growth and development activities (building permits, planning/zoning applications, plat approvals, site plan reviews, water/sewer facility fees, etc.). Not surprisingly, a number of our fees are outdated, and in some cases no longer cover our actual costs in providing the review and/or service.

Attached for your consideration, please find several ordinance amendments which, if adopted, would increase certain fees associated with new growth and development. Included are:

- 1) Section 4-26 to 4-34 - building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits;
- 2) Section 14-41 – subdivision plat examination and approval fees;
- 3) Section 18-575 – site plan review fees;
- 4) Section 16-213 – utility deposits;
- 5) Section 16-204 – water facility fees;
- 6) Section 16-214 – sewer facility fees.

Given the slow economy, none of these amendments are expected to have a major fiscal impact in FY 2010 and no additional revenue was budgeted for these fee increases – however, adoption of the ordinances will position us to better recover our costs, once the economic climate improves.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion will be required authorizing the County Administrator to advertise the proposed ordinance amendments for public comment at your next regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009.