

14. FIRST READINGS FEES ASSOCIATED WITH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

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 Not surprisingly, a number of our fees are outdated, and in some cases no longer cover our actual costs in providing the review and/or service.

Accordingly, we're preparing for your consideration a number of ordinance amendments which, if adopted, would effectively increase many of the fees associated with growth activities. The areas that we're working on include:

- 1) Chapter 4, Article 2 – Building permits;
- 2) Section 6-5 – Land disturbance permits
- 3) Section 14-41 – Plat approval fees
- 4) Section 16-204 - Water facility fees;
- 5) Section 16-213 – Sewer service deposits;
- 6) Section 16-214 – Sewer facility fees; and
- 7) Section 18-589 – Filing fees related to rezonings, conditional use permits, etc.

I apologize that the actual ordinances aren't ready to be transmitted in advance of Monday's meeting, but hope to distribute them to you on Monday morning.

Given the slow economy, none of the amendments are expected to have a major fiscal impact in FY 2010 and no additional revenue has been budgeted for fees next year – 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 Tuesday, May 26, 2009.