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## City Council

### Approval of Ordinance Adopting 2017 Park Impact Fee Rate Adjustment

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**Title**

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**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Move to approve on second reading an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Section 15.16.010, Park Impact Fee Rates, resulting in a 0.17 percent increase in Park Impact Fee rates.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to amend the Park Impact Fee ordinance to update the rates based on changes in park land acquisition and development costs.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Presenter(s):**

None - Consent Calendar Item.

**Background and Analysis:**

Background and analysis have not changed from first to second reading.

In 2008, Council implemented a Park Impact Fee rate adjustment mechanism to ensure that Park Impact Fees accurately reflect the current costs of park land, design, and development. The adjustment mechanism adjusts each of these three components annually.

The land component is adjusted by the Thurston County Assessor's Office median change in residential values for residential vacant land in Thurston County for assessment year 2016. This represents the change from 1/1/15 - 1/1/16. For assessment year 2016, there was a 1.38 percent decrease.

The design component represents staff time for design, permitting, contracting, and construction oversight. This is based on the City of Olympia Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). There was a 3 percent COLA in 2016.

The construction component uses the Seattle Construction Cost Index (CCI) published by the Engineering News Record. The Seattle CCI during the period 1/1/15-1/1/16 was a 0.1 percent increase.

Following is the adjustment formula that is applied separately for each Olympia's three park types; community parks, neighborhood parks and open space:

FTCA = (DS\*(1+COLA)) + (DV\*(1+CCI)) + (LD\*(1+PV)), where:

FTCA = Facility Type Cost per Acre

DS - Current Year Design Cost

DV = Current Year Development Cost

LD = Current Year Land Cost

COLA = Cost of Living Adjustment Percent

CCI = Construction Cost Index (Seattle) Percent

PV = Property Value Change Percent

#### **Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Updating Park Impact Fees reflects inflationary increases or decreases in project costs and ensures that new developments pay their fair share of project costs.

#### **Options:**

1. Move to approve on second reading an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Section 15.16.010, Park Impact Fee Rates, resulting in a 0.17 percent increase in the Park Impact Fee rates.

##### Implications

- a. Park Impact Fee rate would increase 0.17 percent. This would result in an increase of \$9 per single family residence, from \$5,437 to \$5,446.
- b. Park Impact Fee rate would more closely reflect actual costs of park acquisition and development.

2. Do not approve an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code Section 15.16.010, Park Impact Fee Rates, that result in an increase in the Park Impact Fee rate of 0.17 percent.

##### Implications

- a. The Park Impact Fee rate on new residential development would remain unchanged.
- b. Park Impact Fees collected on new residential development would be less than the actual cost of park land acquisition, design and development needed to serve the occupants of the new residential development.

#### **Financial Impact:**

The proposed change would result in a Park Impact Fee rate 0.17 percent higher in 2017 than in 2016.

#### **Attachments:**

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