



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Non-Residential Park Impact Fee Recommendation

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Recommended Action

Direct staff to work with a consultant to incorporate non-residential park impact fees into the next Park Impact Fee rate study that will be completed as part of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan update.

Report

Issue:

Whether to consider including charges for non-residential development as part of Olympia's Park Impact Fees.

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Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia currently charges Park Impact Fees on new residential development only. While the City charges Transportation Impact Fees for non-residential development, Park Impact Fees are not charged for non-residential development. The City has hired a consultant, FCS Group, to do an analysis of the City's Park Impact Fees, and one of the issues that was analyzed was whether the City should consider charging Park Impact Fees for non-residential development. The concept behind this idea is that employees of businesses within the City may use the City's parks during their lunch hours or before/after work and thus likely have an impact on the park system, though less than a typical resident would. A growing number of jurisdictions in Washington charge this type of Park Impact Fee.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Historically there have been two organizations in Olympia who have taken a keen interest in impact fees: Olympia Master Builders who typically express concern with the effect impact fees may have on potential development projects and the Carnegie Group which has been generally supportive of

the concept of impact fees paying for the impacts of growth.

Options:

Option 1: Direct staff to work with a consultant to incorporate non-residential Park Impact Fees into the next Park Impact Fee rate study that will be completed as part of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan update.

Option 2: Do not direct staff to pursue non-residential Park Impact Fees. The City would continue its practice of charging for new residential construction only.

Financial Impact:

It is not yet known how much revenue non-residential park impact fees may generate.

Attachments:

None