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# Perry chamber opposes impact fees

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The Perry Chamber of Commerce presented a resolution to City Council on Tuesday night objecting to imposing impact fees on developers to pay for increased fire protection and parks and recreation. While the city has not officially considered a plan to impose such fees, the council has created a committee charged with determining whether a need exists for impact fees.

Daniel Brown, representing the chamber, suggested that with the current economic conditions of the industry, impact fees would place a heavy burden on home builders and developers, which in turn increased costs to the home-buying consumer.

Brown said the resulting financial crunch would deter Perry's ability to attract business to the community. Bob Haggard, a member of the city's impact fee advisory committee, suggested that impact fees, if set, could provide funding to pay for services much needed by the city.

Haggard said the city needs three new fire stations, which would cost \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million each. He also said the city needs a park in the northern section of the town, at a cost of \$1.8 million.

City Manager Lee Gilmour pointed out that before impact fees could be set, there first would have to be meetings to allow for comment from Perry citizens.

The council took no action Tuesday on the chamber's resolution.