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## Perry May Increase Taxes if No Impact Fees Adopted

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The city of Perry has been growing rapidly and in the past five years, it's grown almost 10 percent.

The city is currently planning to build two new fire stations. The locations, will be in the north and southwest part of the city. They will help service the area better, and cut down on response times.

Fire Chief Joel Gray said, "Both of those locations have been considered based on time it takes to get there and the population, in combination with the call volume.

The question is, how is the city planning to pay for them. One option is impact fees. A fee levied on the developers, to cover the costs of infrastructure improvements.

If city council chooses not to adopt these impact fees, a second option is raising property taxes.

Mayor James Worrall said, "If we can't have an impact fee for the fire stations, our only option is to raise property taxes."

That tax increase could effect new development areas such as the Stonebridge subdivision in Perry's Eastside. The current mill rate in Perry is 13.01 mills. With the additional costs of building two fire stations at \$1.2 million a piece, that could raise the millage rates by more than one percent.

The public hearing for the impact fees will be held on March 18th at Perry city hall.

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