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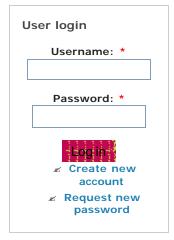


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## Perry May Increase Taxes if No Impact Fees Adopted

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

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

Fire Chief Joel Gray said, "Both of those locations have been considered based on time it 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 fe 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

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

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

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

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