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## **County expands time frame for lowering impact fees**

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Coweta County is slightly expanding the time frame for retroactively applying the county's newly lowered impact fees.

The Coweta County Commissioners voted May 15 to reduce the impact fees. At the time, they voted to make that retroactive to Jan. 1, and to give refunds for any project that was permitted after Jan. 1.

Tuesday night, Coweta County Commissioner Tim Lassetter made a motion to extend those refunds.

““There were a number of individuals, groups ... who paid between Jan. 1 and May 15, who did not get any kind of consideration, based on the fact that they permitted before Jan. 1,”” Lassetter said.

But those owners/developers paid the impact fee and got a certificate of occupancy between Jan. 1 and May 15, Lassetter said.

““I feel that, within reason, we should do what we can to try to increase development and to try to lessen the impact, if you will, for those individuals,”” Lassetter said.

““I would ask your consideration for us to consider changing that from “‘permitting’” to receiving a CO between Jan. 1 and May 15,”” he said.

Lassetter's motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Blackburn and passed unanimously.

