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## Culpeper may delay traffic-impact fees

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Developers in Culpeper may get a one-year reprieve on a traffic-impact fee.

The county Board of Supervisors yesterday voted 5-2 to possibly hold off implementing enforcement of the impact-fee ordinance for another year.

Passed last fall, the ordinance was scheduled to go into effect July 1. Instead, at the request of Supervisor Sue Hansohn, a public hearing on waiting until July 2012 will be held in May.

Hansohn said she had received calls and emails asking that, because of a slow economy, developers and businesses be given more time to prepare for the ordinance.

That law, the first passed in Virginia since 2008 state legislation granted counties the right, would allow local jurisdictions to collect fees from developers that would be designated specifically for roads.

Supervisors Larry Aylor and Bradley Rosenberger voted against considering a one-year delay, but Supervisors Steve Nixon and Bill Chase said they favored waiting two years.

"I want to make sure businesses come here," Nixon said.

"I don't believe this fee is stopping any businesses from moving forward," Rosenberger said.

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