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Impact fee ordinance causes some disagreement at Dorchester County Council meeting

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Cold weather did not freeze Dorchester County residents from turning out to the county council meeting Monday.

The council voted 6 to 1 passing a fee on new businesses and homes in the lower portion of the county.

The council passed the second reading earlier this year after it was hotly debated in Summerville at the county council meeting. Those opposed said the fees will stop new businesses from opening their doors. They say it will also make building a home more expensive.

Council members said other counties in the area charge a similar fee and it has not hurt development.

The ordinance takes effect february 1 2011.