



# Impact fees approved in 3-2 vote

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CEDAR CITY - In a 3-2 vote the Cedar City Council approved the adoption of the impact fee facility plan, which will result in an approximately 18 percent decrease in total impact fees collected by the city.

The split vote saw councilmen Ron Adams and Steve Wood voting against the proposal in favor of greater discounts.

At its last meeting, the City Council asked for information on the financial impact that discounts of 10 and 25 percent, on top of the 18 percent, would have on the economy.

City Manager Ron Chandler estimated the city would lose \$41,284 with a 10 percent discount, and \$103,211 with a 25 percent discount.

The adoption of the impact fees plan went through several steps during the council meeting. First, the council, according to state law, approved the impact fee changes as set out in the approved study.

Wood then made a motion that the time frame for examining impact fees be set at

five years. Councilman John Westwood stipulated that the council could review impact fees earlier if economic conditions warrant it.

"We don't want to go another 10 years before we look at them again," Wood said.

Adams made a motion to give a 25 percent discount on all impact fees while new commercial buildings would be charged no impact fees save for water and sewer for three years.

"This is a way to get some of those fence-sitting businesses to build here," Adams said. "We will get more revenue from the benefits of new business rather than impact fees."

Adam's motion died without a second.

Councilwoman Georgia Beth Thompson moved that everyone receive a 10 percent discount while commercial buildings be charged nothing save for water and sewer for three years.

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That motion failed with Councilwoman Nina Barnes, Westwood and Adams voting against it.

"We spent all this money on the study," Barnes said. "I'm thrilled that there is this 18 percent discount as it is. I don't want to throw in an arbitrary discount without knowing where that money will come from."

In the end the original plan to cut impact fees approximately 18 percent passed.

Wood stressed the importance of having "an open continuous dialogue" with homebuilders associations and others who are impacted most by the fees.

"There are things they know that we don't," Wood said. "We can't go though this again without their input."

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