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Possible moratorium on Burgaw water line impact fees

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PENDER COUNTY,NC (WECT)- A project to bring an apartment building to Burgaw might not get off the ground, unless the town can drop the fees related to doing business.

An impact fee is what is standing in the way of one man's goal of starting the construction of a nearly 1.5 million- dollar apartment project. Former commissioner, Norwood Blanchard, is asking that the fee be taken away. Bringing people to Burgaw to rent apartments would certainly be a boost to the town's economy, however the board of



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commissioners cannot approve the motion until they figure a way to make the fee cut work for everyone, especially considering this might mean the town will have to pay later.

"That balancing act between getting new businesses in and arranging for the future expansion of our town needs," said Vernon Harrell, the president of the Downtown Burgaw Association.

If the board decides for a fee holiday, new business owners who want to connect to the main sewer line will feel the immediate benefits. However, the town of Burgaw might feel the drawbacks in the form of taxes down the line.

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