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By Staff

The North Bend City Council voted July 17 to increase its stormwater impact fee, which hasn't changed since the city formed a stormwater utility in 2001.

Public Works Director Ron Garrow told the council that revenues from the capital facility charge, a one-time upfront fee for developers, has not kept up with increasing construction costs in the area.

The Engineering News Record construction cost index for the Seattle area indicates that costs have increased 23.51 percent since 2001.

Garrow said the impact fee established in 2001 was \$550, and said increasing that base charge by 23.51 percent would bring the new fee to \$679.31.

He also suggested that the impact fee be adjusted annually, just like the city's water, sewer and transportation impact fees, to which the council agreed.

Councilman Ross Loudenback pointed out that the fee could either increase or decrease, depending on the ENR index.

Councilman Jonathan Rosen also wanted to make it clear that the fee was for developers, not residential customers.

The new fee passed 5-0. Councilmembers David Cook and Jeanne Pettersen were excused from the meeting.



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