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Florida counties shelve impact fees to help builders

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA — Four Northeast Florida counties are suspending their impact fees in an effort to stimulate development and the economy.

“They have rolled fees to help businesses,” said Doug Baxter, the president of the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce & Affiliates. “Impact fees are a real headache to businesses coming in.”

Impact fees are capital recovery charges on new development and construction projects. They can be used in both residential and nonresidential construction projects to help pay for infrastructure such as roads, education, firefighters, police, water and sewer that would accommodate the new developments.

Out of seven Northeast Florida counties, four are waiving their impact fees at least until the end of this year.

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