



## **Judge grants class status in city impact fee suit**

The Nassau County Circuit Court has granted class certification in a lawsuit brought against the city for alleged illegal use of impact fees. The lawsuit - filed in August 2011 with lead plaintiff Joanne Conlon and about 700 additional plaintiffs that are residents of Fernandina Beach - claims the city illegally used impact fees to cover a "futures" payment in its purchase of Florida Public Utility's water utility, rather than to accommodate new growth of that utility.

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