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NHC commissioners hope to keep local gov't out of the court room

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC (WECT) – Commissioners in New Hanover County will consider an amendment that could keep local government out of the court room.

The amendment would only affect Planned Development (PD) zoning districts in the county. Even more specific, only developers planning to increase the density of their construction location would notice the difference.



Right now, home builders have to pay an impact fee to local schools and fire services when they want to increase their production in a PD zoning district. Several developers around the state, however, have successfully sued county governments over that extra fee. Appeal courts have ruled the impact fee to be illegal.

Now, New Hanover government plans to remove it from the county's ordinance, just to be on the safe side, according to a spokesperson with the county.

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