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Report advises steep impact fee increase

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RALEIGH -- Consultants today will advise the City Council to significantly raise the impact fees Raleigh charges developers.

Average home prices have nearly doubled in the city since 1988, but the fees that go toward roads and parks are mostly the same, according to a report from Texas-based Duncan Associates.

Raleigh's fees are about one-third of those charged by other cities in North Carolina and around the country, the report said.

That money is paying less than 20 percent of eligible road and park projects, the report said.

Consultants recommend raising the total fee for roads and parks to a maximum of \$3,404 for a single-family home, up from \$682.

Opponents of raising fees have said in the past they fear the increase will be passed on to home buyers.

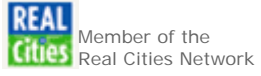
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