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Fort Worth may back down from planned fees for developers

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FORT WORTH -- A consensus is building among land developers and city staffers that would scale back the proposed road impact fees on new construction in Fort Worth.

New homes in most of Fort Worth would see an impact fee of \$1,500 under the proposal, with lower fees in two regions of town and no fee in most neighborhoods inside Loop 820. Under the original proposal, the area inside Loop 820 would have been largely exempt, but the fees in other areas would have ranged from a few hundred dollars to a maximum of \$6,102.

The compromise would also allow lower fees for projects that bring new jobs or help improve traffic, such as mixed-use developments that allow people to walk from homes to jobs or shopping.

The fee is charged to new homes and businesses to offset the costs associated with traffic from the new construction. Under state law, Fort Worth has to set a fee for 27 regions throughout the city. The City Council is expected to vote on the impact fee April 29.