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Gainesville impact fees still under study

By Jerry Gunn

GAINESVILLE - How much Gainesville has grown and the level of public service needed to cover that growth are included in a document reviewed Wednesday night by the city's Impact Fee Advisory Committee.



Impact fee committee meets

The potential cost of police, fire/ rescue and city court are in the Capital Improvement Element.

Planning Director Kip Padgett said projected impact fee figures could be ready next month.

"Hopefully after we get through with the analysis on the CIE, we will be able to in February have some proposed fees to share with the committee," Padgett said.

An impact fee in Gainesville would help pay for new public services required as a result of new development. Gainesville now collects Hall County's impact fees for the jail and library. Padgett said whether Gainesville collects its own impact fees is up to City Council.

Padgett said he is far from ready to make a recommendation on a impact fee to Council and a final fee plan has to meet state Department of Community Affairs approval before it gets local approval.

Padgett said the committee will study the cost impact of new growth on parks and recreation at its next meeting later this month.

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