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Albuquerque impact fee extension proposed by Jones

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The battle over developer impact fees in Albuquerque is about to enter round two.

City Councilor Trudy Jones plans to introduce legislation at the council's August 2 meeting to extend the one-year impact fee moratorium when it expires in September. Jones' bill will not alter the moratorium's 100 percent fee waiver on green projects and 50 percent reduction on all other building projects.

The impact fee debate divided the Albuquerque City Council last summer, but then-Mayor Martin Chávez saw his proposal adopted. Jones anticipates that Mayor Richard Berry will support the moratorium extension, but wasn't sure how her fellow councilors will react.

City Councilor Rey Garduño led the unsuccessful fight to stop the moratorium last summer and will most likely voice opposition again. His argument was that the city's coffers were already thin and a loss of developer fees would further erode the city's tax base. Michael Cadigan, who also opposed the moratorium, no longer serves on the council.

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