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Yuma council imposes new development fees

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YUMA, Ariz. (AP) -- The City Council voted to scale back development fees on new construction.

The council voted Aug. 3 to impose the maximum allowed fee, but decided on Wednesday instead to charge only 70 percent of what is allowed under state law. The fees vary by type of development, but a single family fee will now be \$4,251 rather than \$6,073.

The fee still must receive final approval on Sept. 7.

The impact fees, paid to cover the costs of infrastructure for new developments, are the first citywide ones imposed in Yuma.

"I don't think the taxpayers in this community should have to subsidize new people moving into this community," said Councilman Paul Johnson, who voted against the change.

Information from: The Sun, <http://www.yumasun.com>

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