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## Bonita increases impact fees \$500

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Building a home in Bonita Springs will soon cost residents at least another \$500 and, eventually, maybe more than \$1,000.

The City Council decided Wednesday to add \$535 in municipal impact fees, the one-time charge home builders and developers pay to cover new road and park construction.

The increase, from \$2,436 to \$2,971 in road impact fees, would go into effect July 1. The council is reviewing a potential park impact-fee increase that would push the boost in fees to more than \$1,000.

"If we don't increase impact fees, where are we going to get the money (for new roads and parks)?" Councilman David Piper asked.

"We'll have to go back and say to our constituents that we're going to have to raise taxes."

Other impact fees include: \$2,232 to the Lee County School District, \$373 to the Bonita Springs Fire Rescue and Control District and \$30 to the county's Emergency Management Services.

Bonita Springs Utilities charges at least \$5,885 for water and sewer service, which can vary with the number of showers and tubs in a single-family home.

If the council agreed to follow the complete recommendation from Texas consultant Duncan/Associates, city road and park fees together would increase by \$834, from \$3,308 to \$4,102.

That means it would cost residents \$14,894 in impact fees to build a home.

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