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IMPACT FEES: New development must pay for the services it requires.

That was the message sent by the Palmetto City Commission after it voted 5-0 to ask staff to draft an ordinance for collecting water and sewer impact fees. Impact fees are construction taxes charged to new development and major improvements.

A system proposed by consultants Burton & Associates suggests the city increase its current charges of \$100 for water fees for a typical home and \$1,200 for wastewater charges for the same home to the maximum allowed by the state: \$313 for water, a 213 percent increase, and \$1,389 for wastewater, a 16 percent increase.

The creation of impact fees is a condition of The Accord, a growth management pact agreed upon by the leaders of Manatee County, its six municipalities and school board.

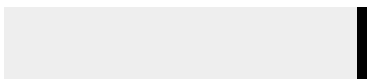
JUST NOT THE TRUCK: Commissioners said they have no problem with resident Miguel Robledo using his home at 208 11th St. Drive W. as an office, but they don't want a roofing kettle truck parked there. Commissioners worried about the truck emitting fumes in the residential neighborhood or children encountering it when it may still be hot. Several residents agreed.

But eager to help someone start a business, commissioners directed Robledo to meet with the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency about finding a temporary parking space for the truck. Robledo said he plans to move his roofing business to a commercial area when the money starts coming in.

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