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Developer Ordered to Pay Up

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A court has ruled that RGB Development Company will have to pay Santa Rosa County \$500,000 in impact fees to help pay for the widening and maintaining of roads around a Pace subdivision.

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The lawsuit stems from a new impact fee ordinance that took effect in January. These fees are designed to make developers pay for the cost of roads. However, developers argue the fees will just be passed on to the homeowner, making the cost of housing rise more.

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Dan Gilmore, president of RGB, challenged the law saying that his company had already pre-sold 240 of the 460 lots before the ordinance took effect. The county's attorney, Tom Danheisser, argued that RGB could easily afford the cost of the fees as the company is expected to make \$9 to \$10 million on the project. Gilmore was charged \$2,090 per new home. Danheisser also noted that county law makes it illegal to sell homes before the county approved final plans.

In his ruling, Judge Ronald Swanson said, "may seem harsh, and may be harsh; but they do not unconstitutionally impair the contracts."

No other developers have challenged the new fees and Judge Swanson has reserved judgment on the legality of the contracts.

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