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I see the rush to get rid impact fees in hopes that it will encourage some developer to invest money if they can get out of paying their fair share for clogging the roads or the parks or the emergency response system may be losing steam.

I noticed that officials in Kissimmee have decided there are better ways to attract business than to cut municipal revenues that they would have to make up from who-knows-where to pay for infrastructure.

There are going to be many city and county budget planners this year going over the books and figuring out how to balance the books. The lack of impact fee revenue makes that task more difficult.

The main argument for impact fees is that, without them, the burden shifts the load to the rest of the taxpayers, such as through the case of the county's road, park and library taxes that the County Commission levies in lieu of having levied adequate impact fees.

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