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Lakeland Keeps Impact Fees Unchanged

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LAKELAND | City commissioners voted unanimously today to keep police, fire and parks impact fees assessed on new housing at current levels.

With the goal of having development pay for itself, impact fees are paid by the developers of new buildings, who in turn pass the cost to the building owners.

City officials had originally wanted to increase impact fees for police, fire and parks and recreation, but last month Community Development Director Jim Studiale said he and other officials would settle for just the parks impact fees being raised.

During an agenda session Friday, city commissioners said they were reluctant to approve any impact fee increase during a bad economy. An ordinance approved today keeps impact fees at present levels.

The previous measure would have raised parks impact fees from \$2,707 to \$2,885 on single-family homes, \$2,123 to \$2,242 for apartments and \$1,317 to \$1,391 for manufactured homes.

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