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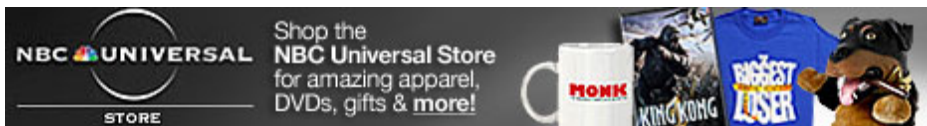
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IMPACT FEE TO END AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Builders in Pocatello say a proposed impact fee to hook new homes to the existing sewer system will end affordable housing in the area.

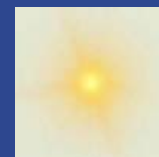
But city officials say the four-thousand dollar fee, proposed last Wednesday, is required to help pay for ten (m) million

dollars in upgrades and maintenance projects the city's water department has planned through 2010.

David Swindell, the city's chief financial officer, says the impact fees provide an incentive to develop land where hookups already exist in the city rather than to build on open land.

The Building Contractors Association of Southeast Idaho says the cost of the new and expanded water system should be spread out over the entire community and not paid mostly by new home owners.

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