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SOUTHWEST IN BRIEF

Polk increases impact fee 175%

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The Polk County Commission voted last week to increase the transportation impact fee for single-family homes 175 percent.

In a unanimous decision, the five-member commission raised the single-family home impact fee for roads from \$2,705 to \$7,447.

The new rate will become effective Oct. 1.

Commissioners did note during their televised Aug. 24 board meeting that the impact-fee amount could change if a property tax to fund roads is increased in September.

Impact fees are applied to new construction only and are used to fund future growth.

Last week's vote also increased the impact fee for a general shopping/retail center from \$4,598 to \$9,483; and general office with less than 100,000 square feet from \$2,552 to \$10,897.

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