



Reading Township adopts impact fee ordinance for road repairs

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For the first time, Reading Township developers will be required either to make road improvements adjacent to new subdivisions or pay a Highway Capital Improvement Fund impact fee.

A recently adopted township ordinance states that "in the case of a plan for land development fronting an existing or proposed public street, the developer shall be required to improve the portion of the roadway on which the proposed development fronts to meet the minimum roadway standard."

According to the ordinance, some of those minimum standards include: all necessary road shoulders, embankments, gutters, berms, and/or curbing for the entire length of the road frontage along the developer's property, including the intersection of the road with any other road or highway.

The ordinance also says township supervisors have the right to require a uniform per-building lot fee in lieu of requiring such improvements.

At their August meeting, the supervisors unanimously approved an accompanying resolution, allowing that fee to be \$3,500 per lot for all new developments.

All funds received from the impact fee will be kept in a separate bank account and may be used at the township's discretion at any time to make road improvements in such locations as the township deems appropriate.

Township officials said all new subdivisions will need to comply with the new requirements. The supervisors will have the discretion of either requiring the road improvements or the impact fee on a case-by-case basis.

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