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## Study: Cape Coral impact fees are too low

The city's water, sewer and road impact fees are too low to cover the cost of growth, a pair of studies find.

Should the City Council heed the studies' recommendations, they could spike road impact fees by 260 percent and raise combined water and sewer rates by as much as 9 percent.

A report from Duncan Associates, a national consulting agency, show that the Cape's current road impact fee of \$3,347 for a single-family home was nearly four times too low. The study sets the maximum impact fee at \$12,043.

Another report from the company suggests the city raise combined sewer and water impact fees from \$6,750 to \$7,348. The study may stymie Mayor Eric Feichthaler's push to lower those fees.

Feichthaler, who did not immediately return a request for comment on this report, voted to stop the city's Utility Expansion project saying water and sewer impact fees were too high.

The fees are meant to offset nearly \$500 million worth of facility expansions throughout the city. The expansions will boost the city's capacity to filter drinking water and treat sewage. Without the impact fees, utility rates will be used to offset the projects' costs.

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