

Tulare County supervisors establish authorities to set impact fees

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Tulare County supervisors have approved a pair of ordinances that will allow them to charge impact fees for new home and business construction in unincorporated parts of the county as well as cities.

But Supervisor Allen Ishida told people attending today's meeting that the county isn't imposing those fees right now and may not do so for four or five years.

"So we're not adopting fees. We're adopting the ability to put fees in place," he said. Tuesday's was a means of planning ahead, he said.

The county is seeking to eventually impose the following:

> A traffic impact fee to help pay for widening and improving roads that would be most heavily traveled as the number of people living and working here grows.

> A facilities impact fee to help pay to

expand county services and buildings, including libraries, law, fire protection, public health, agriculture services, jails and parks.

All eight Tulare County cities already charge their own impact fees for new development, but not the county.

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