



## **Editorial: Justice delayed is justice denied in Lee County builders case**

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Michael Reitman of the Lee County Building Association makes a good point: What good is his organization's successful challenge of a 2001 county impact fee if it takes seven years to resolve and the wronged parties might not be around to get their relief in the form of refunds?

We think we've heard this put another way in the past. That would be: Justice delayed is justice denied.

Part of the Lee builders' lawsuit all those years ago was the retroactive billing of an additional \$2,300 for single-family homes even if building permits had been sought before the fee went into effect.

That's not fair, builders insisted, and only now have the courts, the county and the School Board agreed to agree.

And anybody wonders why people are cynical about government?

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