

HBA thanks City of Rogersville for impact fee reduction

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The Chief Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield expressed gratitude for the city for temporarily reducing its impact fees by 75 percent.

“I know the home builders are very grateful for the reduction on the impact fees,” said Matt Morrow, at Monday's meeting of the Rogersville Board of Aldermen.

The reduction was approved Monday, Feb. 6, after the city received a letter from the HBA. Impact fees are associated with adding water and sewer lines to a new building in the city limits.

The city saw an increase of building permits since it decided to reduce the impact fees, according to city building inspector Eddie Castleberry.

At Monday's meeting the board decided to extend the reduction through January to give more builders the opportunity to take advantage of the lower prices.

Morrow spoke about a new site established by the HBA called lookB4Ubuild. The site compares the cost of building fees, including impact fees and building permit fees, in various local cities.

“Right now, the city of Rogersville looks very favorable because of the decision made to reduce the impact fees,” Morrow said.

According to the site, Rogersville's total building fees cost about \$1,175. Compared to other Webster County and Greene County cities, Rogersville's fees are lower than some and higher than others.

Marshfield's fees come in lower than Rogersville at \$1,130, whereas building fees in Republic are priced higher than Rogersville at \$1,921, according to the site.

Morrow said the HBA has not seen a large turnaround in building, but it has seen a little growth, and having cities like Rogersville help to reduce fees can help to increase the amount of home building.