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Road Charge Sent To Committee For Review Impact Fee Could Generate \$4.1 Million A Year

By [Sarah Terry](#)
The Morning News

FAYETTEVILLE -- The Street Committee will consider the methods used to calculate a proposed road impact fee in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville aldermen agreed Tuesday to reroute the discussion to the committee before the City Council considers adding another impact fee.

The council must approve the calculation method before adoption of the fee is considered.

A report from Duncan Associates, an Austin, Texas, consulting firm, shows a road impact fee could generate between \$4.1 million and \$4.5 million a year.

Money from the impact fee could fund immediate road projects or help pay off a \$143 million bond issue that the Street Committee has discussed for more than a year. Residents could vote on the bond issue at the end of summer, said Alderman Lionel Jordan.

Developer John Nock said additional fees could rule out the possibility of building affordable housing in Fayetteville.

"As I have looked at these fees, I wonder if it's going to take Fayetteville off the list of being able to do attainable housing. If we do additional fees -- people say developers will pay for that -- if we start to add so many fees up, the reality is we pass those fees off and the cost of the homes go up," Nock said.

Alderman Don Marr quipped that a lack of road fees hasn't helped create attainable housing so far. "I think it's interesting that we're having this discussion that this will stop attainable housing when we don't have the fees today and we don't have

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attainable housing," Marr said.

The city has collected an impact fee for water and sewer service since 2003 and approved fire and police impact fees in November.

Jordan, a longtime advocate for impact fees, said the city needs to collect money for roads.

"This will be a major pillar in the impact fee program," Jordan said. "We need roads. The people that pay are the people creating the impact."

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