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Noblesville gets reprieve on impact fee ordinance

Noblesville -- A Hamilton County judge on Wednesday overturned a ruling that Westfield's road-impact fee ordinance violated state law.

The action, which overturned a ruling issued in April, gives Westfield a temporary reprieve from having to repay some of \$3 million in road impact fees it collected.

Judge William Hughes of Hamilton Superior Court 3 said a hearing is still needed to determine whether Westfield's ordinance violated state law and whether a class-action lawsuit should be formed with people and businesses that paid impact fees under the ordinance.

No court dates have been set, and attorneys for both sides are awaiting a written decision further explaining Hughes's oral ruling before deciding their next steps. Hughes said it could come by Friday.