AGENDA BRIEF<br>MEETING: Town Council-02 Apr 2019<br>FROM: Andrea Phillips, Town Manager

| PROJECT: | Impact Fee Study Update and Options |
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| ACTION: | Council Information and Direction to Staff |

## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Town Council decided to update their Impact Fee Study in early 2018. The Town advertised for consultants and through a competitive RFP process, selected Economic \& Planning Systems (EPS) to conduct the updated Impact Fee Study. The analysis completed by EPS for this study is intended to re-evaluate the Town's current impact fee structure. The current fee structure is based on two studies, one completed in 2005 and one in 2006 by EPS. This study re-calibrates legally supportable impact fees, and proposes a different methodology to allow for more flexibility in the types of costs the fees can be spent on. It also proposes eliminating some fee categories in exchange for others as discussed in prior meetings. This analysis also recommends a square-footage based fee structure, rather than the current flat fee rate per dwelling unit on residential development.

EPS shared draft impact fee calculations and considerations for Town Council at its mid-December 2018 meeting and discussed implementation options with Council at the March 5, 2019 meeting. Council discussed three different options for moving forward. The attached memo by EPS provides a summary of these options and the revenue implications. Another aspect of the analysis beyond fee categories and amounts is the option for a residential linkage fee to assist with building affordable housing. The attached memo shows a maximum per SF fee amount; Council may elect to adopt this at the maximum level, any lower amount or at \$0 (to not adopt it).

Council is not being asked to adopt new impact fees at this meeting. Council is asked to provide direction to staff and to EPS on which option it would like to pursue. Staff will work with legal counsel to bring back an ordinance to an upcoming meeting reflecting this direction.

Included in the attachments are the EPS memos from prior meetings.

## ATTACHMENTS:

183030-Fee Implementation Options 3-18-2019
183030 Residential Linkage Fee 3-26-2019
183030-Fee Implementation Options 2-27-2019
183030 Draft Impact Fee Memo 12-12-2018

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Council approved spending $\$ 39,860$ out of the 2018 budget for the study. Council direction is needed to finalize the project.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Direct staff to work with the Town Attorney to bring back an ordinance adopting fees and categories per Option \#
Provide direction on whether to include within the ordinance the residential linkage fee for affordable housing.

## Memorandum

| To: | Andrea Phillips, Town Manager, Town of Pagosa Springs <br> James Dickhoff, Planning Department Director, Town of <br> Pagosa Springs |
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| From: <br> Planning Systems |  |

Subject: Impact Fee Implementation Options; EPS \#183030
Date: March 18, 2019

EPS has prepared this memorandum to summarize the three impact fee implementation options that Town Council identified for further discussion at the March $5^{\text {th }}$ meeting.

## Residential Impact Fees

As shown in previous memorandums to Town Staff and Town Council, the updated maximum allowable residential impact fees calculated in the new Nexus Study are higher than current fees. Town Council may therefore consider adopting residential impact fees at 30 percent of the maximum or at $\$ 0.00$ (repealing residential or all impact fees).

A point of clarification regarding residential impact fees: the proposed new fees are calculated on a square foot basis; differences in the impacts of small and large homes will therefore be captured by the fees. For the purpose of comparing new fees to current fees, EPS has been using the fee for a 1,700 square foot home (the average size in Pagosa Springs) as an example. A comparison of impact fees for different home sizes is provided in Table 1.

## Commercial Impact Fees

The Nexus Study calculated new commercial impact fees that are lower than the existing fees. EPS therefore recommends adopting the maximum commercial fees if Council wishes to continue collecting commercial impact fees. The new commercial impact fees would range from $\$ 0.16$ to $\$ 1.33$ per square foot as shown in Table 2.

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## Options

The three options identified by Council for consideration are described below.

1. No Impact Fees. Council has the option of repealing impact fees or adopting the new Nexus Study but setting fees at $\$ 0.00$. We would caution, however, that during periods of growth, impact fees are another revenue source for capital projects. In addition, it is typically difficult for a municipality to reinstate a fee or tax after it has been eliminated. Keeping fees close to the current level also eases the uncertainty around fees, or risk of securing a building permit too soon to later find that fees were repealed.
2. Maximum Commercial Fees; No Residential Fees. This option keeps commercial impact fees at the maximum. Due to changes in fee categories and new weighting methodologies used in the calculation of proposed new fees, adopting the maximum proposed commercial fees would result in a significant reduction compared to current fees. Eliminating residential fees would reduce total fees by $\$ 3,342$ per single family unit.
3. Maximum Commercial Fees; Residential Fees at $\mathbf{3 0}$ Percent of the Maximum. This option sets residential fees at $\$ 3,756$ per unit (for an average 1,700 square foot home), a 12 percent ( $\$ 414$ ) increase above the current fees of $\$ 3,342$ per unit. Since the new residential fees are calculated on a per square foot basis, the new fees would vary by home size as shown below in Table 1. A 1,000 square foot home would pay a $\$ 2,210$ residential fee, and a 2,500 square foot home would pay $\$ 5,524$.

Table 1. Residential Fees by Home Size

| Residential Fee | Fee per Sq. Ft. | Home Size (Sq. Ft.) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,700 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Maximum Fee | \$7.37 | \$7,365 | \$11,048 | \$12,521 | \$14,730 | \$18,413 |
| 30\% of Maximum Fee | \$2.21 | \$2,210 | \$3,314 | \$3,756 | \$4,419 | \$5,524 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems

## Revenue Projections

Table 3 provides an estimate of the amount of revenue that would be collected based on an average of 12 residential permits issued annually and fees set at 30 percent of the maximum. Residential impact fees would generate approximately $\$ 45,075$ annually, or $\$ 225,000$ over five years.

Table 4 calculates how much revenue would be collected from different types of 25,000 square foot commercial projects if commercial fees are adopted at the maximum. A new hotel project would generate $\$ 33,336$, while a new office space would generate only \$4,025.



## Residential Linkage Fee

A residential affordable housing impact fee or "Residential Linkage Fee" was also calculated for Council consideration. This fee mitigates the impacts of jobs created by new residents in market rate housing. The analysis can also be used to support an inclusionary housing requirement and supports a maximum inclusionary housing setaside of 24.9 percent of total units in a project for households earning up to 80 percent of AMI. The cash-in-lieu linkage fee tied to 100 percent mitigation ( 24.9 percent of units) is calculated at $\$ 13.95$ per square foot. Adopting a lower mitigation target is recommended, however.

For the purposes of this process, a range is provided from 10 to 25 percent mitigation. At a 10 percent mitigation requirement, the resulting fee would be $\$ 1.39$ per square foot or $\$ 2,371$ on a 1,700 square foot home. At 15 percent mitigation, the fee would be $\$ 2.09$ per square foot or $\$ 3,557$ as shown in Table 1.

Based on historical development levels, the fee may not generate enough revenue to fully fund an affordable housing development. However, it would be useful for incremental solutions such as providing local matching funds for State grants or assisting with infrastructure costs or tap fee reimbursements.

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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| Description | 10\% Mitigation | 15\% Mitigation | 20\% Mitigation | 25\% Mitigation | 100\% Mitigation |
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| Fee at 100\% mitigation or |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24.9\% residential set-aside | \$13.95/SF | \$13.95/SF | \$13.95/SF | \$13.95/SF | \$13.95/SF |
| Potential Mitigation Requirement | 10\% | 15\% | 20\% | 25\% | 100\% |
| Residential Linkage Fee | \$1.39/SF | \$2.09/SF | \$2.79/SF | \$3.49/SF | \$13.95/SF |
| On a 1,700 Sq. Ft. Home | \$2,371 | \$3,557 | \$4,742 | \$5,928 | \$23,711 |

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2. 30 Percent of the Maximum. This option sets fees at $\$ 3,756$ per unit, a 12 percent (\$414) increase above the current fees of $\$ 3,342$ per unit. This is judged to be a modest increase above current fees.
3. 50 Percent of the Maximum. Adopting new impact fees at 50 percent of the maximum would result in fees of $\$ 6,260$ for a 1,700 square foot home. This is an 87 percent increase $(\$ 2,918)$ above current fees.
4. Maximum Residential Fees. The Nexus Study has calculated maximum fees of $\$ 12,521$ for an average 1,700 square foot home. This would represent an increase of nearly $\$ 9,200$ per unit above the current fees and is not a recommended option.

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## Comparisons to other Communities

In Table 4, the impact fees for many surrounding Southwest Colorado and Western Slope communities are summarized. The impact fee levels - before water and sewer connection and tap fees - range widely. Bayfield is on the low end with only a Park impact fee at $\$ 408$ per unit. Buena Vista charges $\$ 1,000$ total for Parks and School Land. Durango charges \$3,414 per unit for Parks, Streets, and School Land (in-lieu of dedication). Glenwood Springs is on the higher end at $\$ 9,536$ for Emergency Services, Parks, Trails, Streets, and Schools.

Impact fees are not charged by any of the counties immediately surrounding Archuleta. Montrose County, however, charges impact fees for Road and Bridge, Police, Administration, Health and Human Services, and Fairgrounds totaling \$4,633. Gunnison County has a workforce housing linkage fee charged on both residential and commercial development. The commercial fee is $\$ 1.90$ per square foot, and a 1,700 square foot home would pay $\$ 531$. Several other mountain resort counties have housing linkage programs that require a combination of units built by the developer and a payment in lieu.


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## Impact Fee Law

State law allows local governments to charge capital fees (impact fees) on new development to help pay in whole or in part for capital facilities and capital equipment needed to serve growth. Impact fees differ from development exactions. Exactions are applied on a case-by-case basis, while an "impact fee is calculated based on the impact of all new development and the same fee is shared to all new development in a particular class." State law requires local governments to "quantify the reasonable impacts of proposed development on existing capital facilities and establish the impact fee or development charge at a level no greater than necessary to defray such impacts directly related to proposed development." The standard that must be met within the State of Colorado requires mitigation to be "directly related" to impacts. The draft fee calculations contained in this memorandum, when finalized, would be intended to satisfy the legal requirements by documenting the impact fee calculations used to determine the maximum impact fee that the Town may charge.

Impact fees may only be used for capital facilities; they may not be used for operations or maintenance. Capital facilities have been defined as items directly related to a government service, with an estimated useful life of at least five years and which are required based on the charter or a general policy of what a local government provides in its level of service.

## Maximum versus Adopted Fees

Impact fee studies calculate the maximum legally allowable fee based on the costs and nexus to growth. It is common for communities to adopt lower fees for a variety of policy reasons. Local governments have the discretion to lower impact fees to levels they judge to be most appropriate for their community, balancing factors such as impacts on economic development or construction costs.

## Impact Fee Pros and Cons

Impact fees usually cannot meet all of a community's capital funding needs. First, a community needs to have enough growth to generate sufficient fee revenue. Since fees are only paid by new development, fee revenue declines during periods of slow growth. Likewise, if a community is slow growing, it would have to have high fee levels to generate meaningful revenue. The latter is a concern for impact fees in Pagosa Springs.

On the other hand, impact fees are a way of diversifying the revenue sources used for funding capital projects. Since the fees are only paid by new development, they support a policy that "growth pays" a share of its impacts. In Pagosa Springs, periodic large commercial development projects (Tractor Supply, Wal-Mart) have generated significant fee revenue. Projects with tourism impacts such as hotels would also contribute to offsetting their impacts.

If the Town decides not to move forward with impact fees, it may need to identify a supplemental capital funding source. Construction use taxes and excise taxes are good alternatives if approved by voters in a TABOR election.

## Impact Fees in Pagosa Springs

Currently, the Town collects impact fees for roads (regional transportation), Town Buildings, Town Recreation, Parks, Trails, Fire, and Schools, as shown below in Table 1. The residential fees range from $\$ 127$ per housing unit to $\$ 652$ per unit for trails and $\$ 975$ per unit for roads. The total fees, not including water and sewer tap fees, are $\$ 3,342$ per home. The fees are levied on a flat per unit basis; large homes pay the same fee as smaller homes. The current fees are based on the Archuleta County/Pagosa Springs Joint Impact Fee Analysis which was updated in 2006. Commercial fees are collected for Town Buildings, $\$ 0.16$ per square foot, and for the Fire District at $\$ 0.74$ per square foot.

The Town also collects impact fees on behalf of the Fire District and School District. The Town serves as the collecting agent and passes these fees on to each district as required in its agreements with the districts. While these districts serve Town and County residents, the County does not collect fees on their behalf which creates an equity issue for Town residents.

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The Town has collected a total of $\$ 779,290$ in fees over the past five years as shown in Table 2. Most of the revenue, $\$ 630,000$, was collected for roads; a large commercial project generated most of this fee revenue. The Town has had about 12 residential building permits per year which generated most of the other $\$ 148,000$ in revenue.

Table 2. 5-Year Revenue History

| Description | 5-Year Revenue | Annual Average |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Roads | $\$ 631,207$ | $\$ 126,241$ |
| Regular Public Buildings | $\$ 46,387$ | $\$ 9,277$ |
| Regular Recreation Facilities | $\$ 26,635$ | $\$ 5,327$ |
| Parks | $\$ 26,883$ | $\$ 5,377$ |
| Trails | $\$ 48,178$ | $\$ 9,636$ |
| Emergency Service Providers | Pass-through | Pass-through |
| Schools | Pass-through | Pass-through |
| Total | $\$ 779,290$ | $\$ 155,858$ |
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Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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## 2018 Impact Fee Study

At the beginning of this 2018 Study, EPS and Town staff reviewed the current fee categories and methods of collection. After these discussions, EPS recommended limiting the fee categories to those with the most direct benefit to the Town and clearest nexus to growth impacts. This 2018 Impact Fee Study calculates draft impact fees for:

- Parks,
- Trails,
- Municipal facilities,
- Public works (town shops and equipment), and
- Police.

EPS recommends eliminating the fees for schools, fire, and roads. Since the School and Fire Districts serve County and Town residents, those fees should be collected countywide not just in the Town. The Fire District recently passed a mill levy increase from 4.067 to 7.850. This has enabled them to increase their operating and capital budgets, and hire a full time core crew of firefighters, still supplemented by volunteers.

## Roads

For roads, it was determined that a broader transportation planning effort would be needed to justify new transportation impact fees. Additional technical expertise from a transportation consultant would be needed to conduct the necessary analysis. A Transportation Plan and Transportation Impact Fee Study is something the Town could consider pursuing as a follow up to this Study. The Transportation Plan would establish an
adopted level of service, and identify transportation capacity projects to maintain that level of service, and to build important transportation connections in the community.

## Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu

EPS prepared a preliminary affordable housing fee in lieu for consideration. A fee in lieu is a fee that a developer would pay "in lieu" of building a mandated set-aside of affordable units. The analysis for the fee establishes the nexus between new market rate housing construction and the job and affordable housing impacts it creates. The analysis uses economic impact techniques to estimate the number of jobs at different wage and household income created by the new residents of market rate housing. The fee revenue would be used towards the construction of affordable/workforce housing, including land acquisition, and planning/design and engineering.

## Fee Calculation Methods

There are several methods that can be used to calculate impact fees, each with their own advantages and disadvantages. The two most common are the Plan-Based Approach and the Incremental Expansion Approach.

## CIP or Plan-Based Method

This method uses a community's long-range comprehensive plan or a 5 to 10 capital project planning period. Projects identified in these plans are costed out and included in the fee program. A growth projection is made over the time period for which the defined projects are needed or planned to be built. The fee calculation is essentially the cost of the project(s) divided by the forecasted amount of growth.

This method is best used when detailed project planning has been done, and in growing communities that have well established growth trends on which to base a growth forecast. This technique is therefore more often used in larger urban and suburban communities that have the resources to do more detailed and more frequent project budgeting and planning. There are challenges however when the full funding for a project is not available in the anticipated timeframe, or if growth projections are not met.

## Incremental Expansion Method

This method answers the question: what should each new unit (increment) of development pay to maintain the Town's current level of service?

The current level of service is defined as the inventory of the Town's facilities and capital assets, and the cost to replicate that level of service (replacement cost or asset value) as the Town grows. The asset inventory or value is converted to a per-capita or per-unit value which is the basis for the fee. An example is the current acreage of parks per 1,000 residents, or the number of police offices and the value of their equipment per 1,000 residents. In this sense, the incremental expansion method is an "average cost" method. There are arguments that this method oversimplifies the cost to serve growth, however it is an easily understood and defensible technique.

The advantages of this method are mainly that it does not require a growth forecast and less information on capital project plans is needed. In the plan-based methods, fee calculations are highly sensitive to the amount of forecasted growth which is the

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denominator in the calculation. Pagosa Springs is a comparatively slow growing community, which makes forecasting challenging. There is more growth in the County, which led to the earlier studies recommending a joint Town and County fee program.

## Service Population and Incremental Expansion

The incremental expansion method was chosen by EPS for this study for the reasons given above. Rather than simply allocate facilities and assets on a per capita basis, EPS allocated them to a metric known as "service population". The Town provides services to residents, second home owners and part-time residents, guests to lodging establishments, and businesses (employees who live outside the Town boundary). The service population is calculated to be 3,674 equivalent people, as shown in Table 3. The service population of 3,674 is larger than the Town's population of 1,932 . By allocating costs across a larger population, a more conservative (lower) fee calculation is made. The calculation also provides an analytical basis for assessing some fees on commercial development to account for the impact of short-term visitors and employees who live outside of the Town.

Table 3. Pagosa Springs Service Population.

| Service Population | Factors | Amount | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | A | 1,932 | 2018 ESRI |
| Commuters |  |  |  |
| Jobs |  | 2,455 |  |
| Employees (adjusted for multiple job holders) | 1.10 | 2,232 |  |
| In-Commuting Employees [1] | 91.9\% | 2,052 |  |
| Adjustment Factor | 50.0\% | 1,026 |  |
| In-Commuting Employee Impact | B | 1,026 equivalent population |  |
| Second Homeowners |  |  |  |
| Vacant for Seasonal Use |  | 180 | 2016 ACS |
| Non RBO Second Homes |  | 71 |  |
| Household Size | 2.5 | 178 |  |
| Occupancy | 17.5\% | $\underline{31}$ | 2006 NWCCOG Second Home Study |
| Second Homeowner Impact | C | 31 equivalent population |  |
| RBOs |  | 109 | Town of Pagosa Springs |
| Household Size | 2.5 | 273 |  |
| Occupancy | 32.0\% | 87 | AirDNA |
| RBO Impact | D | 87 equivalent population |  |
| Hotel Guests |  |  |  |
| Hotel Rooms |  | 553 |  |
| Guests per Room | 1.8 | 995 |  |
| Occupancy | 60\% | 597 |  |
| Hotel Impact | E | 597 equivalent population |  |
| Service Population | $=A+B+C+D+E$ | 3,674 |  |

II US Census \& Bureau of Labor Statistics Longitudinal Employer Householder Dynamics "On The Map"
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## Costs and Level of Service

A summary of the Town facilities and asset values used in the calculations is provided below in Table 3.

- Municipal Facilities Public Works - The major public works assets include the Town Shops and $\$ 1.2$ million worth of heavy vehicles and maintenance equipment. The $\$ 200$ per square foot cost for expanding Town Shops is based on project planning and cost estimates prepared by the Town.
- Municipal Facilities Town Hall - As the Town grows, it will need to hire more staff and over time expand the amount of space needed to house Town employees. EPS adjusted the staffing and square footage to include only growth-related positions (variable costs) rather than fixed cost positions such as the Town Manager and Police Chief. There are 2,048 square feet of space per 1,000 people for variable cost (growth-impacted) employees.

Table 4. Summary of Level of Service and Costs

| Department or Function | Area/Quantity | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Per 1,000 } \\ \text { Service Pop } \end{array}$ | Value/Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Municipal Facilities - Public Works |  |  |  |
| Town Shops | 10,125 SF | 2,756 SF | \$200/SF |
| Public Works Equipment |  |  | \$1,217,552 |
| Municipal Facilities - Town Hall |  |  |  |
| Town Hall (Variable Portion, Excluding Council Chambers and Police) | 7,522 SF | 2,048 SF | \$250/SF |
| Police |  |  |  |
| Vehicles | 7 | 1.91 | \$45,000/vehicle |
| Patrol Personnel Gear | 7 | 1.91 | \$8,500/person |
| Town Hall (Variable Police Portion) | 1,472 SF | 401 SF | \$250/SF |
| Parks |  |  |  |
| Regional Parks | 15.5 acres | 4.2 acres | \$100,000/acre |
| Community Parks | 13.8 acres | 3.7 acres | \$200,000/acre |
| Maintenance Equipment |  |  | \$265,537 |
| Trails |  |  |  |
| Trail Length | 20,110 linear ft. | 5,474 linear ft. | \$375/linear ft. |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems

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- Police - The growth affected positions account for 7 vehicles at $\$ 45,000$ each to acquire. Each new office would also require $\$ 8,500$ in new protective patrol gear.
- Parks - The Town has 15.5 acres of regional parks ( 4.2 acres per 1,000 service population) and 13.8 acres of community parks ( 3.7 acres per 1,000 service population). Regional parks cost approximately $\$ 100,000$ per acre to build based on past costs for Yamaguchi Park, and $\$ 200,000$ per acre to build based on recent cost information from other Western Slope communities. Land costs are not included, as it is assumed that land would either be acquired with other funds through development negotiations. Reservoir Hill was not included in the fee calculations as it was judged to be a unique facility that would likely not be replicated.
- Trails - The Town has 20,110 linear feet of trails (5,474 per 1,000 service population), not including Reservoir Hill. The Town to Pagosa Lakes Trail Master Plan has detailed cost information by segment, which is the basis for the $\$ 375$ per linear foot cost.


## Draft Impact Fees

Using the incremental expansion method with the levels of service summarized above, draft impact fees were calculated and are summarized in Table 5. Detailed calculation tables are provided in the Appendix for reference. Each fee category was first calculated on a per service population basis and then converted to a fee per unit and per square foot. For residential fees, the fee per service population is multiplied by the average household size in the Town to calculate the maximum fee for an average-sized home. Dividing this maximum fee for an average home by the average home size results in the fees per square foot shown below.

Table 5. Draft Residential Fees

| Residential | Factors | Municipal Facilities | Police | Parks | Trails | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fee per Service Population |  | \$1,394.54 | \$202.11 | \$1,244.69 | \$2,052.80 | \$4,894.13 |
| Fee for an Average Residential Unit | $\frac{\text { Household }}{\frac{\text { Size }}{2.32}}$ | \$3,235.32 | \$468.89 | \$2,887.68 | \$4,762.49 | \$11,354.39 |
| Fee per SF | $\frac{\text { Avg. Home }}{\frac{\text { Size }}{1,700 ~ S F}}$ | \$1.90 | \$0.28 | \$1.70 | \$2.80 | \$6.68 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Commercial fees were also calculated first on a per service population basis. They were converted to a per square footage fee in three steps shown in the Appendix. First, the fee per service population is multiplied by the number of square feet per employee (the service population generated) and adjusted down to remove resident-employees who are accounted for in the residential fees. Next, the fees are calibrated using transportation trip generation rates to account for the differential impacts on services of

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retail/commercial compared to office, industrial, and hotels. The resulting fees per square foot are summarized in Table 6. Only hotels/lodging establishments are recommended to be charged fees for parks and trails due to the impact of guests on these facilities.

Table 6. Draft Commercial Fees

| Land Use Type | Adjusted Employees per 1,000 SF | Commercial Fee Index | Fee per SF |  |  |  | Total Fee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Municipal Facilities | Police | Parks | Trails |  |
| Fee per Service Population |  |  | \$1,394.54 | \$202.11 | \$1,244.69 | \$2,052.80 |  |
| General Light Industrial | 0.46 | 0.26 | \$0.16 | \$0.02 | - | - | \$0.19 per SF |
| Hotel | 0.57 | 0.43 | \$0.34 | \$0.05 | \$0.31 | \$0.51 | \$1.21 per SF |
| General Office Building | 0.15 | 0.50 | \$0.11 | \$0.02 | - | - | \$0.12 per SF |
| Shopping Center / General Retail | 0.23 | 1.94 | \$0.62 | \$0.09 | - | - | \$0.71 per SF |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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## Revenue Projection

Using the draft impact fees, revenue projection scenarios for residential fees only were made for five and 10 years using the maximum fees and adoption at 50 and 75 percent of the maximum. As shown in Table 7, the five year fee revenue would range from approximately $\$ 341,000$ to $\$ 681,000$ per year. These projections assume the same average pace of construction, 12 units per year, that has occurred since 2010.

Table 7. Residential Revenue Projection

| Description Factor | Municipal Facilities | Police | Parks | Trails | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Annual Residential Permits 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential Fee (1,700 SF Avg. Home Size) | \$3,235.32 | \$468.89 | \$2,887.68 | \$4,762.49 | \$11,354 |
| Annual Revenue Projection | \$38,824 | \$5,627 | \$34,652 | \$57,150 | \$136,253 |
| 5-Year Revenue Projection (Maximum Fee) | \$194,119 | \$28,134 | \$173,261 | \$285,750 | \$681,263 |
| 75\% of Maximum | \$145,590 | \$21,100 | \$129,945 | \$214,312 | \$510,947 |
| $50 \%$ of Maximum | \$97,060 | \$14,067 | \$86,630 | \$142,875 | \$340,632 |
| 10-Year Revenue Projection (Maximum Fee) | \$388,239 | \$56,267 | \$346,521 | \$571,499 | \$1,362,526 |
| 75\% of Maximum | \$291,179 | \$42,200 | \$259,891 | \$428,625 | \$1,021,895 |
| 50\% of Maximum | \$194,119 | \$28,134 | \$173,261 | \$285,750 | \$681,263 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Since commercial development in the Town is difficult to predict, illustrative fee calculations for common building types are shown in Table 8, rather than a projection of commercial fee revenue. A 25,000 square foot ( 40 to 50 rooms) hotel would generate an estimated $\$ 30,000$ in fees. A 25,000 square foot office building would generate $\$ 3,000$ in fees, while a retail building of the same size would generate $\$ 17,800$ in fees.

Table 8. Commercial Revenue Examples

| Commercial Project Examples | Factor | Municipal Facilities | Police | Parks | Trails | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hotel Fee per SF |  | \$0.34 | \$0.05 | \$0.31 | \$0.51 | \$1.21 |
| Total Hotel Fee | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$ SF | \$8,614 | \$1,248 | \$7,688 | \$12,680 | \$30,230 |
| General Office Fee per SF |  | \$0.11 | \$0.02 | --- | --- | \$0.12 |
| Total General Office Fee | 25,000 SF | \$2,673 | \$387 | --- | --- | \$3,061 |
| General Retail Fee per SF |  | \$0.62 | \$0.09 | --- | --- | \$0.71 |
| Total Retail Fee | 25,000 SF | \$15,558 | \$2,255 | --- | --- | \$17,813 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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## Surrounding Community Impact Fees

The impact fees charged by surrounding communities are summarized in Table 9.
Durango and Bayfield charge a fee for parks; Durango also charges for streets and school land dedication. All five communities below charge substantial sewer and water tap fees. Pagosa Springs has much lower water and sewer tap fees. With the maximum proposed fees, Pagosa Springs' total would be $\$ 13,454$ per home compared to just over $\$ 13,000$ in Bayfield and \$12,252 in Durango.

Table 9. Residential Impact Fees in Surrounding Communities

| Description | Municipal Facilties | Police | Parks | Trails | Streets | School Land (In Lieu) | Sewer Tap/ <br> Sewer Plant | Water Tap/ <br> Water Plant | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bayfield | -- | -- | \$408 per DU | --- | --- | -- | \$6,050 per DU | \$6,600 per DU | \$13,058 per DU |
| Cortez | -- | -- | --- | --- | --- | -- | \$4,770 per DU | \$5,301 per DU | \$10,071 per DU |
| Dolores | -- | -- | --- | --- | --- | -- | \$4,000 per DU | \$4,000 per DU | \$8,000 per DU |
| Durango | -- | -- | \$300 per DU | --- | \$2,169 per DU ${ }_{[1]}$ | \$945 per DU | \$2,465 per DU | \$6,373 per DU | \$12,252 per DU |
| Mancos | -- | -- | --- | -- | --- | --- | \$5,390 per DU | \$5,390 per DU | \$10,780 per DU |
| Proposed Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pagosa Springs ${ }_{[2]}$ | \$3,235 per DU | \$469 per DU | \$2,888 per DU | \$4,762 per DU | --- | -- | \$400 per DU | \$1,700 per DU | \$13,454 per DU |

[1] For a $1,500-2,499$ SF home
${ }^{\text {[2] For an average sized } 1700 \mathrm{SF} \text { home }}$
Source: Economic \& Planning Systems


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## Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu

This section provides a summary of the preliminary affordable housing fee in-lieu for Town Council's consideration. A housing fee in lieu is a fee that developers/builders would pay "in lieu" of constructing affordable housing units as a set-aside requirement. This is an exploratory analysis; if the Town wishes to implement this fee or consider it further, EPS would make refinements to the calculations and review them again with Town staff prior to implementation or further consideration by Council.

The affordable housing fee in lieu is calculated from:

- The value of market rate housing prototypes;
- Jobs created from the spending of household income by new residents in market rate housing;
- The number of jobs and households at different income ranges ("workforce households"), estimated using the IMPLAN model and additional calculations using Bureau of Labor Statistics data;
- The cost to build affordable housing, estimated preliminarily at $\$ 210$ to $\$ 220$ per square foot (including land);
- The difference or "gap" between what the "workforce households" can afford and the cost to build affordable/workforce housing.
The fee calculation targets households earning up to 80 percent of AMI, as recommended as a priority income group in the 2016 Archuleta County Housing Needs Assessment.

The analysis begins with creating market rate housing prototypes representative of what is typically built in Pagosa Springs under. For use in IMPLAN, the economic impact model, 100 units in each prototype are used, and a total of 500 units are modeled in the five major residential zoning categories. As shown in Table 10, the housing prototypes range from a two bedroom apartment to a $\$ 500,0002,500$ square foot home on a large lot. The housing types would house people earning between $\$ 48,000$ per year for the apartments and over $\$ 100,000$ per year for the large lot homes.

Table 10. Market Rate Housing Prototypes.

|  | Factors | 2-bedroom <br> Apartment | Townhome | Condominium | In-Town <br> Single Family | R/A or R-T Single Family | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Units per Acre |  | 22 | 12 | 22 | 12 | Large Lot / NA |  |
| Units in Prototype |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 500 |
| Average Unit Sq. Ft. |  | 1,200 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,500 | 2,500 |  |
| Market Value or Rent |  | $\begin{gathered} \$ 125,000 / \text { unit } \\ \$ 1,200 / \mathrm{mo} \end{gathered}$ | \$300,000 | \$275,000 | \$350,000 | \$500,000 |  |
| Target Purchase Price |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgaged Amount (less: downpayment) | 10.0\% down pmt |  | \$270,000 | \$247,500 | \$315,000 | \$450,000 |  |
| Mortgage Interest Rate |  |  | 5.0\% int. | 5.0\% int. | 5.0\% int. | 5.0\% int. |  |
| Loan Term |  |  | 30-year term | 30 -year term | 30 -year term | 30 -year term |  |
| Monthly Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgage Payment (Monthly) |  |  | \$1,449 | \$1,329 | \$1,691 | \$2,416 |  |
| Less: Insurance |  |  | \$125 | \$125 | \$125 | \$125 |  |
| Less: Property Taxes |  |  | \$81 | \$75 | \$95 | \$135 |  |
| Less: Miscellaneous (e.g. HOA Dues) |  |  | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |  |
| Total Monthly Housing Costs |  | \$1,200 | \$1,706 | \$1,578 | \$1,961 | \$2,726 |  |
| Household Income by Prototype | 30\% | \$48,000 | \$68,228 | \$63,126 | \$78,433 | \$109,047 |  |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems

The spending of household income for the 500 units of prototypical housing generates jobs in a variety of industries. Most of the jobs are in the retail, food and beverage, health care, and miscellaneous services (household services, maintenance and repair) industry sectors. These new housing units and resulting residents would generate an estimated 58.62 new households from approximately 105 jobs, after adjusting for multiple job holders and multiple earners per household. Most of the households generated are at incomes between 50 and 80 percent of AMI, or 54.65 households as shown. The total of 58.62 "workforce households" equate to an affordable housing setaside of 11.7 percent of market rate units ( 58.62 divided by 500 ).

The fee in lieu that corresponds to the 11.7 percent set-aside is shown in Table 11. Similar to the impact fees presented above, the housing fee in lieu is calculated at the maximum set-aside level supported by the analysis, or 11.7 percent. The fee is based on the gap between what the "workforce households" can afford and the cost to build workforce housing affordable to those income levels. The gap per unit for the targeted households up to 80 percent of AMI ranges from $\$ 146,096$ for 30 percent of AMI households to a gap of $\$ 49,501$ for 80 percent of AMI households. Multiplying the gap per unit by income range by the number of households in each income range generated by the market rate prototype yields the total housing gap created for each 100-unit prototype, and the gap per unit after it is divided by 100 . The gap created by market rate development ranges from $\$ 3,657$ per unit for market rate apartments to $\$ 9,291$ for large lot homes, as shown.

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Table 11. Draft Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu.

|  |  | 2-bedroom Apartment | Townhome | Condominium | In-Town Single Family | R/A or R-T Single Family | Total / Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Households by Income Range (per 100 units) | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extremely Low (30\% of Median) |  | 0.29 | 0.58 | 0.43 | 0.59 | 0.76 | 2.66 |
| Very Low (50\% of Median) |  | 0.17 | 0.29 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 1.31 |
| Low (80\% of Median) |  | 6.15 | 11.88 | 8.80 | 12.07 | 15.75 | 54.65 |
| Total per 100 Units |  | 6.61 | 12.76 | 9.44 | 12.95 | 16.86 | 58.62 |
| Per 1.0 Units |  | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.59 |
| Gap per Household by AMI Range | B |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extremely Low (30\% of Median) |  | -\$146,096 | -\$146,096 | -\$146,096 | -\$146,096 | -\$146,096 |  |
| Very Low (50\% of Median) |  | -\$110,167 | -\$110,167 | -\$110,167 | -\$110,167 | -\$110,167 |  |
| Low ( $80 \%$ of Median) |  | -\$49,501 | -\$49,501 | -\$49,501 | -\$49,501 | -\$49,501 |  |
| Total Gap |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extremely Low (30\% of Median) | A X B | -\$42,983 | -\$84,890 | -\$62,538 | -\$86,730 | -\$111,445 |  |
| Very Low (50\% of Median) |  | -\$18,360 | -\$32,365 | -\$23,337 | -\$32,365 | -\$38,089 |  |
| Low (80\% of Median) |  | -\$304,350 | -\$588,235 | -\$435,673 | -\$597,247 | -\$779,595 |  |
| Total per 100 Units |  | -\$365,693 | -\$705,490 | -\$521,548 | -\$716,342 | -\$929,129 | -\$3,238,202 |
| Gap (Fee) per Unit | c | -\$3,657 | -\$7,055 | -\$5,215 | -\$7,163 | -\$9,291 | -\$6,476.40 |
| Average Prototype Unit Size | D | 1,200 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 1,580 |
| Maximum Fee per Sq. Ft. | C / D | \$3.05 | \$4.70 | \$4.35 | \$4.78 | \$3.72 | \$4.10 |
| Fee per Prototype Unit |  | \$3,657 | \$7,055 | \$5,215 | \$7,163 | \$9,291 | \$6,476 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Dividing the gap created by each market rate unit (C) by the square footage used in the prototype yields the fee in lieu per square foot. The final fee in lieu is the average for all 500 units of prototype development, or $\$ 4.10$ per residential square foot. Again, this is the maximum fee supported by the analysis. A lower set-aside and fee in lieu could be adopted.

## Fee in Lieu Revenue Projection

If construction continues at the average pace of 12 units per year since 2010, the affordable housing fee in lieu would generate an estimated $\$ 74,000$ per year or roughly $\$ 370,000$ over five years as shown in Table 12. This money could be used for a wide variety of purposes related to creating affordable housing:

- Land acquisition
- Affordable unit construction, design, permitting
- Affordable, deed restricted unit acquisition
- Gap closure funding to supplement state and federal grants and tax credits.

Table 12. Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu Revenue Projection.

| Description | Calculation |
| :--- | ---: |
| Annual Residential Permits | 12 |
| Average Sq. Ft. | 1,500 |
| Fee in Lieu per Sq. Ft. | $\$ 4.10$ |
| Annual Revenue | $\$ 73,782$ |
| $\mathbf{5}$ Years | $\$ 368,909$ |
| Source: Economic \& Planning Systems |  |
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| Appendix - Impact Fee Calculations |  |  |
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| Table 13. Municipal Facilities - Draft Fee Calculation |  |  |
| Description | Factor | Calculation |
| Service Population |  | 3,674 |
| Existing Level of Service - Public Works Equipment \& Vehicles |  |  |
| Capital Asset Value |  | \$1,217,552 |
| Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 331,429 |
| Cost per Service Pop | A | \$331.43 |
| Existing Level of Service - Town Shops |  |  |
| Existing Space |  | 10,125 Sq. Ft. |
| SF per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 2,756 |
| Replacement Cost per SF | \$200 |  |
| Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$551,224 |
| Cost per Service Pop | B | \$551.22 |
| Existing Level of Service - Town Hall |  |  |
| Total Town Hall |  | 13,938 Sq. Ft. |
| Less: Council Chambers and Police | 77\% | 10,689 Sq. Ft. |
| Space Allocation by Employee Type |  | 13.5 |
| Fixed | 30\% | 4.0 |
| Variable | 70\% | 9.5 |
| Variable SF |  | 7,522 |
| Variable SF per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 2,048 |
| Cost per SF | \$250 |  |
| Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$511,882.31 |
| Cost per Service Pop | C | \$511.88 |
| Total Municipal Facilities Fee Per Service Pop | $=A+B+C$ | \$1,394.54 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Table 14. Police - Draft Fee Calculation

| Description | Factor | Calculation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Population |  | 3,674 |
| Existing Level of Service - Police Vehicles |  |  |
| Patrol Vehicles (Impacted by Growth) |  | 7 |
| Vehicles per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 1.91 |
| Replacement Cost per Vehicle | \$45,000 |  |
| Replacment Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$85,746 |
| Cost per Service Pop | A | \$85.75 |
| Existing Level of Service - Safety and Patrol Equipment |  |  |
| Patrol Officers |  | 7 |
| Officers per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 1.91 |
| Replacement Cost per Officer | \$8,500 |  |
| Replacment Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$16,196 |
| Cost per Service Pop | B | \$16.20 |
| Existing Level of Service - Police Space |  |  |
| Total Town Hall |  | 13,938 Sq. Ft. |
| Police Portion | 17\% | 2,313 Sq. Ft. |
| Space Allocation by Employee Type |  | 11.0 |
| Fixed | 36\% | 4.0 |
| Variable | 64\% | 7.0 |
| Variable SF |  | 1,472 |
| Variable SF per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 401 |
| Cost per SF | \$250 |  |
| Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$100,167 |
| Cost per Service Pop | C | \$100.17 |
| Total Police Fee Per Service Pop | $=A+B+C$ | \$202.11 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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| Description | Factor | Calculation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Population | 3,674 |  |
| Existing Level of Service - Acreage |  |  |
| Regional Parks |  | 15.5 acres |
| Community Parks |  | 13.8 acres |
| Regional Acres per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 4.2 |
| Community Acres per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 3.7 |
| Regional Cost per Acre | \$100,000 |  |
| Community Cost per Acre | \$200,000 |  |
| Regional Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$422,741 |
| Community Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$749,665 |
| Regional Cost per Service Pop | A | \$422.74 |
| Community Cost per Service Pop | B | \$749.66 |
| Existing Level of Service - Equipment \& Vehicles |  |  |
| Current Value | \$265,537 |  |
| Value per 1,000 Service Pop |  | \$72,282 |
| Cost per Service Pop | B | \$72.28 |
| Total Parks Fee per Service Population | $=A+B+C$ | \$1,244.69 |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems

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Table 16. Trails - Draft Fee Calculation

| Description | Factors | Calculation |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Service Population | 3,674 |  |
|  |  |  |
| Existing Level of Service - Linear Feet |  |  |
| Total Linear Feet | 20,110 |  |
| Linear Feet per 1,000 Service Pop |  | 5,474 |
| Cost per Linear Foot | $\$ 375$ | $2,052,800$ |
| Cost per 1,000 Service Pop |  | $\$ 2,052.80$ |
| Cost per Service Pop |  |  |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Table 17. Commercial Fee Employment Density Factors

| Land Use | SF per <br> Employee | Employees <br> per 1,000 SF | Adjusted <br> Employees per <br> 1,000 SF[1] |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 | General Light Industrial | 1,000 | 1.00 | 0.46 |
| 310 | Hotel | 1,250 | 1.25 | 0.57 |
| 710 | General Office Building | 333 | 0.33 | 0.15 |
| 820 | Shopping Center / General Retail | 500 | 0.50 | 0.23 |

[1] Commuting employees ( $91.9 \%$ ) with an impact of $50 \%$ of a resident.
Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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Table 18. Commercial Fee Trip Generation Calibration Factors

| ITE Code and Land Use | Sq. Ft. | Average <br> Daily Trips | Commercial <br> Fee Index |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 110 | General Light Industrial | 883,236 | 4.96 |
| 310 | Hotel | 383,704 | 8.36 |
| 710 | General Office Building | 435,290 | 9.74 |
| 820 | Shopping Center / General Retail | $\underline{1,160,452}$ | $\underline{37.75}$ |
| Total / Weighted Average | $\mathbf{2 , 8 6 2 , 6 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 6}$ |

Source: Economic \& Planning Systems
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