

Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee

Statement of Collective Thought

Action Item 2: Comments to the Governing Body Regarding Adoption of the Elmore County EMS Capital Improvement Plan and Addendum

The Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee has reviewed Action Item 2 concerning the proposed adoption of the Elmore County EMS Capital Improvement Plan and Addendum and offers the following collective comments for consideration by the governing body.


The Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee recognizes that the City of Mountain Home is currently the primary user of emergency medical services (EMS) provided within Elmore County. As the city continues to grow, it is appropriate to consider mechanisms that support the continued provision and expansion of EMS services in a manner that is fiscally responsible and sustainable. In this context, the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee supports providing an avenue for the County to fund EMS capital needs that are directly attributable to growth occurring within Mountain Home.

Accordingly, the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Elmore County EMS Capital Improvement plan and addendum, with the understanding that Mountain Home will continue to be involved in decision-making through participation on the joint Impact Fee Advisory Board. This involvement is essential to ensure that the City's interests are represented during funding allocation discussions and recommendations.

Recommendations

Based on its review, the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee respectfully recommends that City Council:

1. Proceed thoughtfully and cautiously with decisions involving City impact fees and county EMS capital projects.
2. Require clear documentation demonstrating nexus, proportionality, and direct benefit to City growth.
3. Consider the cumulative impact of increased impact fees on development feasibility, housing supply, and long-term economic health.
4. Ensure appropriate governance, transparency, and accountability mechanisms are in place prior to the use of City impact fees for county EMS capital improvements.


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