SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione. 2nd District

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Initiation of an Ordinance Amendment for the Development Impact Fee Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors;

- 1. Adopt an order initiating an Amendment to Ordinance 659, the Development Impact Fee (DIF) Program, temporarily restoring the 50% fee reduction, effective retroactively to July 1, 2013; and
- 2. Direct the Transportation and Land Management Agency and County Counsel to work together to bring an urgency Ordinance Amendment back to the Board at the earliest opportunity, process a refund to those that have paid the full fee since July 1, 2013, and;
- 3. Request that the Executive Office bring the DIF update back to the Board for consideration no later than January 2014, and include options to phase in any fee increases for commercial and industrial projects.

BACKGROUND: The County had previously adopted a 50% reduction in our Development Impact Fee (DIF) Program during the height of recession, as a tool to help stimulate our local economic recovery. These fees are collected on all new development and business expansions to pay for long-term infrastructure improvements, not just the major residential tracts and large-scale commercial and industrial projects.

The 50% reduction expired on June 30, 2013. It was anticipated that the Board would consider a revised update to the DIF and its Nexus Study by that time, which is still in the final-stages of completion, and is expected to return to the Board before the end of the year.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone and Benoit

Nays: Absent: None

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Supvr. Tavaglione, Co.Co., TLMA, EO

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Although we are seeing some signs of an economic recovery in our local housing and business climate, the recovery is still slow and uncertain. Having the fee double from the 50% reduction to the full fee for projects in progress, particularly small businesses wanting to expand, homeowners looking to build individual lots, and other smaller building enterprises creates significant financial challenges. The prospect of having the fee increase to the full amount, and then be replaced with a new fee structure at the time that the Board considers a DIF update in the next few months, also adds uncertainty for those looking to improve their properties and bring significant jobs and needed revenue to the County.

I am therefore requesting that the Board take the following actions:

- Direct staff to come back to the Board at the earliest opportunity to amend Ordinance 659 (the DIF ordinance) to reinstitute the 50% reduction until such time as the new DIF ordinance is adopted. Request that staff bring the new DIF ordinance back for consideration to the Board no later than January 2014.
- Bring back the necessary Amendments to Ordinance 659 as an urgency matter, to reduce the
 period of time and uncertainty for those wanting to improve their properties, allowing them to
 make informed business decisions going forward based on the reduced fee amount.
- At such time as the temporary reductions ordinance becomes effective, direct staff to process a
 refund to those that have paid the full DIF fee since July 1, 2013, in the spirit of fairness and to
 create a level playing field. TLMA staff estimates that the refund amount as of now would be
 less than \$12,000.
- Direct staff to do a direct notice on all active building permits 60 days prior to the effective date
 of a future DIF fee change, to allow our businesses and property owners to make prudent,
 informed economic decisions on the timing of their development.

Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. SPEAKER'S NAME: Paul Jacoh Address: (only if follow-up mail response requested) Phone #: PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW: Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item: ____Oppose Support Neutral **Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below: Support ____Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to:

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.