

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING CERTAIN PARTS OF PRIOR COUNTY IMPACT FEE ORDINANCES 2005-1 AND 2005-3; REGARDING AMENDING AND/OR REDUCING CERTAIN IMPACT FEE RATES APPLYING TO NON-RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME; REQUIRING A REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE END OF ONE YEAR.

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia adopted Ordinance 2005-1 and 2005-3 on January 20, 2005, which Ordinances provide for Law Enforcement and Fire and EMS fees to be paid on new construction;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission recognizes that the adverse effects of the national recession and the financial and credit crises are still impacting the state and local economy;

WHEREAS, said impacts have resulted in a significant reduction in new non-residential commercial development and construction activity in Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, Non-residential Commercial development provides local jobs and economic opportunity to the citizens of Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, a decrease in Non-residential Commercial development has a negative impact upon the citizens of Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Jefferson County to encourage economic development by temporarily reducing the impact fees assessed on new Non-residential Commercial Development;

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that a reduction on the rate of collection of the Law Enforcement and the Fire and EMS impact fees will further the desired purpose of stimulating economic development and non-residential commercial construction activity in Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, the County Commission desires an update from the Jefferson County Development Authority on the development and permitting activity of non-residential construction after the initial twenty-four (24) months of the reduction to determine the effectiveness of the reduction in stimulating economic and commercial growth;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA:

SECTION 1. AMENDING THE NON-RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEES SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES 2005-1 AND 2005-3.

- (1) The impact fee rates charged to Non-residential Development in Ordinance No. 2005-1 (Law Enforcement Impact Fees) and Ordinance No. 2005-3 (Fire and EMS Impact Fees) shall be reduced by ninety-nine and one half percent (99.5%) commencing on July 1, 2013 for a

period of twenty-four (24) months through the County Commission's review at the end of the twenty-four (24) month period.

(2) At the end of the initial twenty-four (24) month period, the County Commission, using the report received from the Jefferson County Development Authority, shall review the effectiveness of the reduction in encouraging commercial development and stimulating the local economy. After completion of such review, the Commission shall either: 1) maintain the reduction implemented by the Ordinance; 2) return the non-residential development impact fees to the fee schedule provided in Ordinance Nos. 2005-1 and 2005-3; or 3) implement a new non-residential development impact fee schedule.

(3) The reduction in the non-residential fees as provided for in this Ordinance may extend beyond the initial twenty-four (24) month period and shall remain in effect until the County Commission completes its review of the reduction's impact on commercial and economic development.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon an affirmative, majority vote of the County Commission. Except as specifically provided otherwise herein, this Ordinance shall supersede all other Ordinance(s) of Jefferson County, West Virginia to the extent such other Ordinance(s) are in conflict herewith. However, the amended impact fees associated with non-residential development as set forth in this Ordinance shall not become effective until July 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. Severability.

(1) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance nor impair or nullify the remainder of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

(2) If the application of any provision of this Ordinance to any new development is declared to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the intent of the County Commissioners is that such decision shall be limited only to the specific new development expressly involved in the controversy, action or proceeding in which such decision of invalidity was rendered. Such decision shall not affect, impair, or nullify this Ordinance as a whole or the application of any provision of this Ordinance to any other new development.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

Terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning provided in the applicable "Definition" Section(s) of the Jefferson County Impact Fee Procedures Ordinance unless modified or otherwise stated herein.

SECTION 5. INCLUSION IN THE CODE.

It is the intention of the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be made part of the Jefferson County Impact Fee Ordinances. To this end, any section or subsection of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article", or any other appropriate designation.

SECTION 6. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF REMAINDER.

All section, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, and provisions of Ordinance Nos. 2005-1 and 2005-3 not changed or amended herein shall stay the same and remain in full force and effect until amended, repealed or otherwise acted upon by the County Commission of Jefferson County.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Jefferson County Commission on the 11th day of ~~June~~ July, 2013.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

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