




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director,
Austin Transportation Department 

DATE: November 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Responses to Council Questions on the Street Impact Fee & Staff Proposed Ordinances Changes

This memorandum provides additional information on the Street Impact Fee items (#51 and #52) on the December 3, 2020 City Council meeting [agenda](#).

Staff Responses to Council Questions

In response to questions posed at the November 12, 2020 City Council meeting during the discussion of the Street Impact Fee (Items #73 and #74), staff have developed the attached Q&A document. Staff is providing these responses for review prior to the December 3, 2020 Council meeting when the Street Impact Fee items will return for the continued public hearing and consideration on second and third readings.

Staff Proposed Changes to Ordinances

In review of the ordinances approved on first reading at the November 12, 2020 Council meeting, staff determined there were provisions within the code ordinance (Item #52) that should be moved to the fee ordinance (Item #51) for improved clarity and ease of future program implementation. These items relate to the timeline for the initial implementation of the SIF program and specific fee exemptions that the Council may want to adjust over time. The movement of these provisions between the two ordinances would be as follows:

- Item #52, Draft Ordinance § 25-6-663 (C) lines 276-278 → Move to Item #51, Draft Ordinance Part 2. (D) (1) after line 116 to read: “(1) A street impact fee shall not be collected from a new development for any building permit validly issued within one year of the effective date of this ordinance.”
- Item #52, Draft Ordinance § 25-6-663 (D) Lines 280-282 → Move to Item #51, Draft Ordinance Part 2. (D) (2) after newly inserted (D) (1) to read: “(2) For new developments with an approved transportation impact analysis on the effective date of this ordinance, a street impact fee shall not be collected for any building permit validly issued within three years of such effective date.”
- Item #52, Draft Ordinance § 25-6-667 (C) Lines 358-360 → Move to Item #51, Draft Ordinance Part 2. (D) (3) after newly inserted (D) (2) to read: “(3) For any new development that does not increase net new trips comparative to the existing land use

by more than 10 PM peak hour trips, the collection rate will be \$0 per vehicle-mile. The collection rate then in effect shall apply to a subsequent addition of service units.”

One additional change necessary to clarify eligibility for the Affordability Related Reductions would be the following:

- Add “or” at the end of § 25-6-668 (B) (1) Line 372 to read: “(1) approved for local, state, or federal funding for affordable housing as verified by the director of the Housing and Planning Department; or”.

Staff will present these changes during the December 3, 2020 Council meeting. Prior to that, if you have additional questions, please contact Liane Miller at (512) 974-7922, liane.miller@austintexas.gov.

Attachment:

1. Street Impact Fee Q&A from November 12, 2020 Council Discussion

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